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John 16:4-7 ESV & Acts 1: 4, 9 ESV

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new. And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability- and that it may take a very long time. And so I think it is with you. Your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be. Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J. (1881-1955)

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1. Accept what is

Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father... John 20:17

... it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. John 16:7

2. Remember what was

But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. John 16

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3. Receive what will be

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father... Acts 1