

**“Now Mary
arose in those
days and went
into the hill
country with
haste”**

Luke 1:39



Other Examples of Service Initiators ⁽¹⁾

1. Nehemiah:

“So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven” *Nehemiah 1:4*



Other Examples of Service Initiators (2)

2. Tobit:

“Every day, Tobit travelled through all his own people, and he consoled them, and he distributed to each one as much as he could from his own resources. He nourished the hungry, and he supplied clothes to the naked, and he showed concern for the burial of the dead” *Tobit 1:19-20*



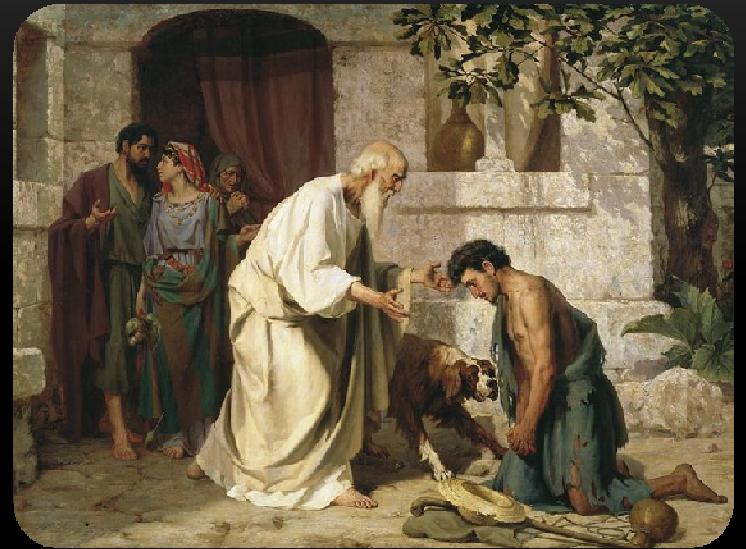
**When was
God expected
to act and He
did not ?
And Why?**



1. He did not stop Eve and Adam from talking to the serpent or eating from the tree.
 2. The Lord Jesus did not go after the young rich ruler to further persuade him to abandon his wealth and follow Him
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3. Representing the father in the Parable of the Lost Son, He did not force the son to stay or give him food when he was living away.





4. In the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares:

“Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them’ Matthew 13:28-29

5. When asked to divide an inheritance: “Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?”

Luke 12: 13 - 14



6. When St. Anthony was initially beaten by the evil spirits, God waited until he asked for help.



7. When He heard that Lazarus was sick, He waited for four days until He heard that he had been dead for a few days.



8. When He was asked by Martha to ask her sister to help her. “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” *Luke 10:41-42*
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