Hebrews 4:14-16 *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. [16] Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.* J. Piper translates vs. 16 *"...that we might receive mercy and find grace for a well-timed help."*

There is no contradiction between the two ways of translating the end of verse 16. Both are accurate "one draws attention to our need; the (second one) draws attention to God's timing. I think we need to be focused on God's timing. When we have a need, we feel very strongly about when God should meet it. We want him to act now! It is not natural for us to think that God's grace will be shown as much in its timing as in its form. But Hebrews 4:16 reminds us to seek God not only for the kind of grace we need, but also for the timing of the grace we need." (Piper: A Godward Life Pt. 1)

PRAYER: Lord God help me to remember always that Your timing in everything is perfect. Help me NOT to panic or get depressed when I do not see You working in my way or in my time. Help me to continue to TRUST YOU for Your Grace and to trust You with timing in everything.

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