
patiently waiting
hope in the middle
of suffering

WHO HERE STRUGGLES WITH PATIENCE?

PATIENCE (OXFORD DICTIONARY) - THE *CAPACITY* TO *ACCEPT* OR *TOLERATE* DELAY, TROUBLE, OR SUFFERING WITHOUT GETTING ANGRY OR UPSET.

SPIRITUAL PATIENCE IS ACCEPTING THAT THE FATHER HASN'T DONE, WHAT YOU THOUGHT HE SHOULD HAVE DONE, WHEN YOU THOUGHT HE SHOULD HAVE DONE IT

KEY QUESTION(S):

1. WHAT IS BIBLICAL SUFFERING, AND ARE YOU EXPERIENCING IT CURRENTLY?

2. WHERE IS THE FATHER RIGHT NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF MY SUFFERING?

3. DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH SPIRITUAL PATIENCE?

KEY TEXT:
ROMANS 8:18-30

LETTER FROM PAUL TO THE CHURCH IN ROME, 57AD?
FULLEST EXPRESSION OF PAUL'S THEOLOGY

POINTS TO REMEMBER:
1. THE SUFFERING FOLLOWER IS NOT ALONE; THERE IS HOPE

JOSHUA 1:9, PSALM 23:4, ISAIAH 41:10, DEUTERONOMY 31:8, MATTHEW 28:20, JOHN 10:29

POINTS TO REMEMBER:
2. YOU AND ME; WE AREN'T THE FATHER AND HE ISN'T ON OUR TIME

JOB 38:4, 42:2

POINTS TO REMEMBER:
3. THE BEAUTIFUL, OBEDIENT, DAILY DISCIPLINE OF PATIENCE

JEREMIAH 29:4-7

POINTS TO REMEMBER:
4. A SIMPLE EQUATION FOND IN PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

BY THE SPIRIT, PREACH TO YOURSELF DAILY TO NOT LEX ANXIETY CRIPPLE YOU: THEN PRAY AND BEG AND ASK WITH ALL HUMILITY AND SINCERITY, WHILE REMEMBERING WHAT THE FATHER HAS ALREADY DONE FOR YOU, FOR HIM TO ALLEVIATE YOUR SUFFERING

BOTTOM LINE:
ENTREAT THE SPIRIT; BE PATIENT; SEE THE HOPE

“HE REJOICED THAT HE WOULD SEE MY DAY. HE SAW IT AND WAS GLAD.”