



Patientia: Waiting on the Lord

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***But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength...
- Isaiah 40:31***

THE EVOLUTION OF ERUPTION:

↓ ANNOYANCE
DISSATISFACTION ↓
↓ ANGER
RAGE

Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. – James 1:20

What Does Waiting on God Look Like?

1. PATIENCE SEES THE WRONGNESS OF THE WORLD

“If you break the covenant of the LORD your God by worshiping and serving other gods, his anger will burn against you, and you will quickly vanish from the good land he has given you.” – Joshua 23:16

Mark 3:1-6

2. PATIENCE ENDURES THE “LONG BURN”

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. – Psalm 103:8

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger... – James 1:19

Slowness to anger makes for deep understanding; a quick-tempered person stockpiles stupidity. – Proverbs 14:29 (MSG)

3. PATIENCE REJECTS THE QUICK FIX

Saul replied, "I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn't arrive when you said you would, and the Philistines are at Micmash ready for battle. So I said, 'The Philistines are ready to march against us at Gilgal, and I haven't even asked for the Lord's help!' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came." See 1 Sam 13:7b-14

4. PATIENCE WAITS ON GOD'S GOOD ENDING

For instance you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy. – James 5:11

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. – Job 42:10

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and released his spirit. – John 19:28-30

Hebrews 11:13, 16

I Will Change My Direction Today by...

- Memorizing [Isaiah 40:31](#).
- Not letting the annoyances of life fuel eruptions of anger.
- Avoiding shortcuts to peace that circumvent God's plans.
- Waiting for God's good ending regardless of how long it takes!

WALK THE TALK

A Growth Group Guide

1. Name the top 3 things that get on your nerves?
2. Describe the most angry that you've ever been. What caused the anger? What was your response to it? Do you remember how you felt after the anger subsided?
3. Name some current events or situations that are an example of the "wrongness" of the world. What would be some healthy anger-responses to these situations?
4. Do you think it's healthy to "stuff" your anger? When it says that God is "slow to anger," do you think He stuffs His anger? How does God express His anger in a healthy way?
5. Describe a time when your impatience got you into trouble by acting too quickly.
6. Describe a time when you patiently endured a bad situation and saw some blessing in the end.