

CHARACTER BUILDER

Zephaniah: God is Patient

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FACTS ABOUT ZEPHANIAH:

- Name means “Yahweh has _____ or _____.”
- Book was likely written near the end of his ministry (640-621 B.C.).
- Was a contemporary of and had much in common with the prophet _____.
- Prophesied in the days of _____ of Judah (640-609 B.C.).
- The two previous kings of Judah had allowed the evils of idol worship, foreign culture, and moral corruption.
- Zephaniah’s prophecy likely contributed to Josiah’s _____.

PATIENCE:

GOD’S ENDURING _____ AND _____ IN THE FACE OF HUMAN
SIN AND REBELLION. A DEMONSTRATION OF _____, ALLOWING
TIME FOR _____ AND RECONCILITATION.

TO FULLY GRASP GOD’S PATIENCE, I MUST SEEK TO BETTER UNDERSTAND...

- _____ IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH _____.

“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” says the Lord. ‘I will sweep away people and animals alike. I will sweep away the birds of the sky and the fish in the sea. I will reduce the wicked to heaps of rubble, and I will wipe humanity from the face of the earth,’ says the Lord.”

– Zephaniah 1:2-3

“Stand in silence in the presence of the Sovereign Lord, for the awesome day of the Lord’s judgment is near. The Lord has prepared his people for a great slaughter and has chosen their executioners.”

– Zephaniah 1:7

“That terrible day of the Lord is near. Swiftly it comes – a day of bitter tears, a day when even strong men will cry out. It will be a day when the Lord’s anger is poured out – a day of terrible distress and anguish...” – Zephaniah 1:14-15

“Because you have sinned against the Lord, I will make you grope around like the blind. Your blood will be poured into the dust, and your bodies will lie rotting on the ground. Your silver and gold will not save you on that day of the Lord’s anger...” – Zephaniah 1:17-18

- **IN THE FACE OF IMPENDING _____, GOD STILL OFFERS _____ BY CALLING ME TO _____.**

Memory Verse:

“Seek the Lord, all who are humble, and follow his commands. Seek to do what is right and to live humbly. Perhaps even yet the Lord will protect you – protect you from his anger on that day of destruction.” – Zephaniah 2:3

GOD CALLS ME TO A RADICAL CHANGE:

- _____ (Seek the Lord)
- _____ (Seek to do Right)
- _____ (Seek to Live Humbly)

“No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8

- **ULTIMATELY, GOD’S PATIENCE _____.**

“...Then nations around the world will worship the Lord, each in their own land.” – Zephaniah 2:11

“Then I will purify the speech of all people, so that everyone can worship the Lord together.” – Zephaniah 3:9

“On that day the announcement to Jerusalem will be, ‘Cheer up, Zion! Don’t be afraid! For the Lord your God is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs.’” – Zephaniah 3:16-17

“I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” – Genesis 12:3

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Zephaniah 2:3.
- ☐ Thank God for His enduring patience toward me.
- ☐ Volunteer to be a part of our upcoming Fall Growth Groups:
 ___ Interested in leading a group. ___ Interested in hosting a group.
- ☐ Help with planning/organizing.
- ☐ Sign up to stay updated about GC Students youth activities and events (*be sure to include best contact information on front of card*).

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