

PART 2: Patience

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START

We face situations everyday that require patience. Waiting on someone to get ready, waiting at stop lights, waiting in line to drop kids off at school, waiting in line to check out at the store, and the list can keep going. Patience can come easily for some and for others it can be a daily challenge.

- Are you a patient person?
- What are you most impatient about?
- How do you typically deal with situations that try your patience?

READ

[2 Peter 3:9](#) (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

THINK

There are times when it seems like God is slow, or He is late, or that He is not moving at the speed you think He should. God's timing is always different than our timing, and following His perfect timing allows us to practice sitting in His presence with patience. When we do this we are able to see how patient God has been with us.

- Where do you find yourself becoming impatient with God's timing?
- How has God been patient towards you in your life?
- How can we avoid wanting God wanting to be patient with us, but us being impatient with Him?

God's desire for all to have an opportunity to have a relationship with Him is rooted in His patience for all of humanity. Since we do not know when Jesus will return we are challenged to live a life that reflects God so as we hope for the future we don't overlook the present and those that still need an opportunity to know Jesus.

- Do you tend to look more to the future or live in the present?
- How can we balance looking to the hope of the future, and living in the present to point people to Jesus?
- How is your life reflecting God?

PRAY

God, thank you for the hope that you provide through your promise of returning. Thank you for your patients that you have towards me, and continue to grow my patience with you and others so that I may see the love you have for all.

ACT

This week, pick an area in your life where you struggle with patience. When you experience impatience in that area, take a moment and remember God's patience towards you and the challenge He gives us to practice patience as well.

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