

FORTIFY With His Patience

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1 Corinthians 13:4a (NIV) – “Love is patient”.

Proverbs 18:10 (NIV) – “The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe”.

“My faith is everything. It’s the bedrock, the foundation and the core of who I am. So any time I have to make a decision, or a time when I’m discouraged, that’s when I’m turning to faith and realizing that, honestly, everything that has happened to me or that is going to happen to me is not necessarily in my control. It’s in the control of my God” – ***Maria Taylor***

“My patience left my body when I watched George Floyd take his last breath” – ***Maria Taylor***

Psalm 103:7-12 (NIV) – “He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us”.

2 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV) – But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 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”.

“**patient**” = Greek *makrothumei* – meaning “persevering”; from two words meaning “long” and “suffering”; the NKJV translates it “longsuffering”

Jeremiah 18:11-12 (NIV) – “Now therefore, say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So, turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions’. But they will reply, ‘It’s no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will all follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts’”.

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Jeremiah 22:1-9 (NIV) – This is what the LORD says: “Go down to the palace of the king of Judah and proclaim this message there: ‘Hear the word of the LORD to you, king of Judah, you who sit on David’s throne—you, your officials and your people who come through these gates. This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. For if you are careful to carry out these commands, then kings who sit on David’s throne will come through the gates of this palace, riding in chariots and on horses, accompanied by their officials and their people. But if you do not obey these commands, declares the LORD, I swear by myself that this palace will become a ruin.’” For this is what the LORD says about the palace of the king of Judah: “Though you are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon, I will surely make you like a wasteland, like towns not inhabited. I will send destroyers against you, each man with his weapons, and they will cut up your fine cedar beams and throw them into the fire. “People from many nations will pass by this city and will ask one another, ‘Why has the LORD done such a thing to this great city?’ And the answer will be: ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God and have worshiped and served other gods.’”

Nehemiah 1:2-3 (NIV) – “Hanani, one of my brothers, came from Judah with some other men, and I questioned them about the Jewish remnant that had survived the exile, and also about Jerusalem. They said to me, ‘Those who survived the exile and are back in the province are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire’”.

Isaiah 40:30-31 (NKJV) – “Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”.

Nehemiah 8:9 (NIV) – Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the Lord your God. Do not mourn or weep”. For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

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2 Corinthians 7:10 (NIV) – “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death”.

Nehemiah 9:16-17 (NIV) - “But they, our ancestors, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and they did not obey your commands. They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore, you did not desert them.

Joel 2:12-14 (NIV) – “Even now”, declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning”. Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent and leave behind a blessing – grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.