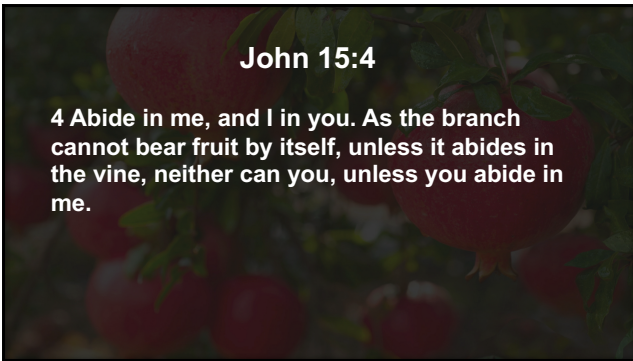
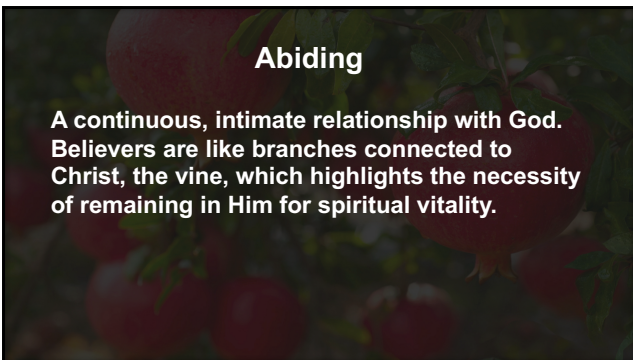




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Patience

the ability to endure hardships, suffering, or delays with a peaceful and joyful spirit. Patience reflects steadfastness and perseverance while waiting on God by a determination of the will and not simply under necessity.

Patience = Love + Joy + Peace + Endurance

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Patient Endurance

hupōmōnē, hoop-om-on-ay'; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:—enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

Patience is the fruit of the Spirit that is nurtured by watching and praying while we wait upon the Lord.

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Fortitudine vincimus

By Endurance We Conquer

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Preface to Lifting Up

If I am now enduring the bringing low, I may well rejoice, because I see in it the preface to the lifting up.
- Spurgeon

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Abiding in Patience (Endurance)

- 1. Patience during Setbacks
- 2. Patience during Scares

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Acts 28:3-6

1 After we were brought safely through [shipwreck], we then learned that the island was called Malta. 2 The native people showed us unusual kindness, for they kindled a fire and welcomed us all, because it had begun to rain and was cold.

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Acts 28:3-6

3 When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and put them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat and fastened on his hand.

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The Scare

1. "Are you kidding me??!!" moment

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1 Peter 4:11-13

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

13

Surprised (Think it Strange)

xenízō, xen-id'-zo; to be a host (passively, a guest); by implication, be (make, appear) strange:—entertain, lodge, (think it) strange.

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The Scare

- 1. "Are you kidding me??!" moment
- 2. First impressions can be lasting impressions

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Acts 28:3-6

4 When the native people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer. Though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live."

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Psalms 56:3-4

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?"

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1 Peter 2:23

23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.

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The Scare

- 1. "Are you kidding me??!" moment
- 2. First impressions can be lasting impressions
- 3. Superstition leads to suspicion

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"Superstition is to religion what astrology is to astronomy, the foolish daughter of a wise mother."

20

Blame the Victim

Most people have a deep desire to believe people get what they deserve, and deserve what they get. They tend to assign blame to victims of tragedy especially if it's not possible to blame a perpetrator.

21

Our Need to Feel In Control of Our Lives

We have a deep human need to feel like we are in control of our own lives. People want to believe that tragedy couldn't happen to me because I'm wiser, I'm better, I know what I'm doing or I'm more blessed.

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John 7:20-24

24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

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Luke 13:1-5

1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?

24

Acts 28:3-6

5 He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. 6 They were waiting for him to swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw no misfortune come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

25

Changing Humans Opinions

How changeable is human opinion, shifting in a moment from the highest to the lowest estimate of our fellows, and basing that estimate solely on the favorable or unfavorable aspect of outward circumstances! Because Paul cast off the viper, they accounted him divine; if he had died, they would have thought him a felon.

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Luke 13:1-5

3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. 4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

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Ephesians 3:13

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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2 Corinthians 4:17

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

29

Begone, Unbelief by John Newton

Begone, unbelief,
My Savior is near,
And for my relief
Will surely appear;
By prayer let me wrestle,
And He will perform;
With Christ in the vessel,
I smile at the storm.

30

John 15:4

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

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