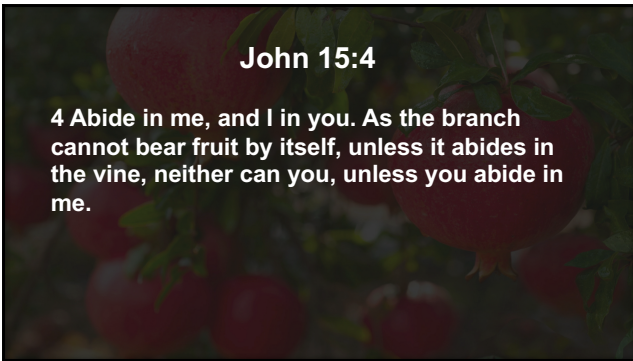
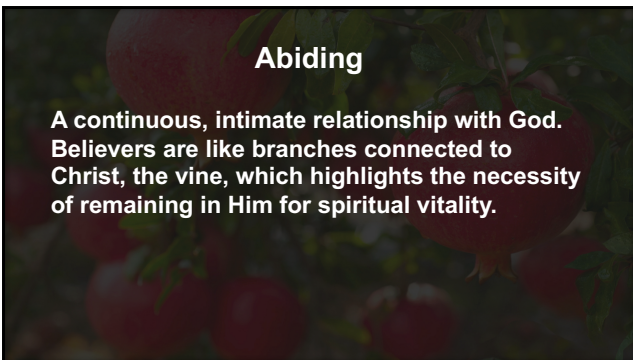




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Patience

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.

6

Fortitudine vincimus

By Endurance We Conquer

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James 5:10-11

10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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Proverbs 13:12

Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

11

We can Control How We Respond

Joseph's story reveals that even though we cannot control circumstances, we can control how we respond to those circumstances.

12

God is at Work Even We Don't Realize it

Joseph lives both the first and the last seventeen years of his life with Jacob (Genesis 37:2; 47:28), signifying the perfect timing of God in his life.

13

Wisdom

“Wisdom is the power to see, and the inclination to choose, the best and highest goal, together with the surest means of attaining it”

-- A.W. Tozer

The right goal and the right path to get there

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Genesis 41:1-14

4 And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. 5 And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. 6 And behold, after them sprouted seven ears, thin and blighted by the east wind.

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Genesis 41:1-14

7 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven plump, full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, it was a dream. 8 So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh.

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Genesis 41:1-14

9 Then the chief cupbearer said to Pharaoh, "I remember my offenses today. 10 When Pharaoh was angry with his servants and put me and the chief baker in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, 11 we dreamed on the same night, he and I, each having a dream with its own interpretation.

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Genesis 41:1-14

12 A young Hebrew was there with us, a servant of the captain of the guard. When we told him, he interpreted our dreams to us, giving an interpretation to each man according to his dream. 13 And as he interpreted to us, so it came about. I was restored to my office, and the baker was hanged."

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Genesis 41:1-14

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they quickly brought him out of the pit. And when he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh.

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Joseph turns Pharoah's Dream into a Plan

Genesis 47 tells the story of a Hebrew making slaves of the Egyptians. The first chapter of Exodus tells the story of Egyptians making slaves of the Hebrews.

20

Lower those Whom He means to Raise

"It seems that Jehovah's way is to lower those whom He means to raise and to strip those whom He intends to clothe. If it is His way, it is the wisest and best way. If I am now enduring the bringing low, I may well rejoice, because I see in it the preface to the lifting up. The more we are humbled by grace, the more we shall be exalted in glory."
- Spurgeon

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Pride of Impatience

- 1. I don't want to wait
- 2. I don't want to put up with foolishness
- 3. I don't want to be inconvenienced
- 4. I don't want difficulty

22

Time is created by God

Time is a construct created by God to govern this short period before eternity. Our solar system is like a giant celestial clock that is ticking until the day of the Lord where he will judge the living and the dead.

If we would never grow old and never die, why impatience. Impatience is about our concern for time and convenience.

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Epochs in Time

Adam → Noah	Age of the Father
Abraham → Jesus	Age of the Son
Jesus → Today	Age of the Holy Spirit

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Symmetry in Time

Why did God not create in 1 day, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 days but He created for 6 days and rested the 7th day?

Many believe that since God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh day (Genesis 2:1-3), that God has a 6,000-year plan for man followed by a 1,000-year reign by Jesus Christ (Revelation 20:4)

25

Symmetry in Time

2000 years: Adam → Abraham
2000 years: Abraham → Jesus
199? Years: Jesus → Today
6000 Years
1000 Years Millennial Reign Christ and Elect
7000 Years Total

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Symmetry in Time

“As there had been 2,000 years from Adam to Abraham, and 2,000 from Abraham to Christ; so there will be 2,000 years for the Christian era and then would come the Millennium.”
-Lactantius
Roman Christian author (250AD – 325AD)

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Each Age Ends in Terrible Judgment

Noah: World-wide Flood
Jesus: Destruction of the Temple
Holy Spirit: Great Tribulation

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Fear of Death translates into Fear of Time

Fear of death is translated into a fear of time.
 Jesus, the greatest man in history, spent roughly 3.5 years in ministry and 30 years in relative obscurity.
 John the Baptist ministry that lasted 1 to 2 years yet Jesus himself stated that he was the greatest man of the Old Testament Truly,

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1 Samuel 2:7-8

7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world.9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,

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Patience Practices

Strategy	By Endurance We Conquer
Strength	Receiving Comfort Under Pressure
Through	Moving through suffering to grow spiritually

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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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