

FAITH AND PATIENCE By Rev Ore (Inspired by the Holy Spirit)

Have you ever wondered the relationship between faith and patience? The level of faith you have in God is directly proportional to the level of patience you have.

If you think you a woman of faith, can I challenge you and ask how well you do with patience.

There is a peace that comes with trusting and leaning on God.

An impatient man is a man with little faith. Do you agree? Read along.

Scriptures says: “Let patience have its perfect work so that you may be **“complete and lacking nothing!”**”

Scripture also says “Without Faith, you cannot please God” period (Hebrews 11: 6)

The scripture always says “His thoughts are different from our thoughts”. Which means there is huge gap between what we think in comparison to what God thinks. His ways are past finding out.

Isaiah 55: 8-9 says:

“For **my** thoughts are **not your** thoughts, neither are **your ways my ways,**” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **my ways**”.

Anything you do without trusting in God’s words is not pleasing to God.

“The just shall live by faith” in the finished accomplished work of the cross.

Faith is the passport or access door to the fulfillment of what God has already promised. Faith authenticates or validates like a seal what God has promise us His children.

Faith: **is (present tense)** the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. The receipt of what you don’t have now physically to the naked eyes but it is to be considered done because God says so.

The waiting time or distance between asking and receiving is called patience

Show me your faith and I will show you my works !

Faith and Action/ works hand in hand (patience)

Look at the line below . Do you see A? Do you see B?

A is where you are physically and B is your destination. God says I see you as in B though it appears that you are stuck in A. Have you been in a big mess and the dr says, you don't have much time to live. Then after much prayers, God tells you, you are whole and free from the diagnosis. You feel terrible but there is a peace flowing from within you coupled with joy. In few weeks, you go back and the dr can't explain what happened. All he says is " you are completely free". That is a practical example of Faith and patience. Patience takes you to the level higher than your senses.

A -----B

Guess who is aroused or upset with you everytime? Satan. He will do anything, use anyone around you to bring on the pressure. Satan will put strong pressure on you to **faint and give up. Whatever you do don't give up!**

Everything we will receive by grace requires Faith and most of the time patience

We were saved By Grace Through Faith

2 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the ^[a]course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them

Whatever you and I are and will become is as a result of where we put our faith. If it is in God, we will become what God says and if not.....

Sometimes you want to succumb to the pressure and let go of God's Word. Don't do it!

You cannot give in to Satan's pressure without throwing away your confidence in God's Word.

God cannot lie. **The real question is, letting go of our desires, timing and just resting in God's words.**

To act on Satan's pressure (lies, lies- the system of this world is based on illusion and lies) means you have to lay down the promises found in the Bible.

There is no middle ground.

When it comes to standing on the Word you are either on or off.

Say this out loud: **"I will not succumb to pressure. I am moved by nothing except the Word of God."**

When Satan's pressure says that God's Word is not working, patience rejects it as a lie.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

— **James 1:2-4**

The word "patience" is the Greek word *hupomeno* — a compound of the words *hupo* and *meno*.

The word ***hupo*** means *under*, as *to be underneath something*. The word ***meno*** means *to stay or to abide*. You could say that the word ***meno*** means *to remain in one's spot; to keep a position; to resolve to maintain some territory that has been gained*.

It is the state of mind that says, "This is my spot, and I'm not moving!"

The determination inherent within the word *hupomeno* is clearly seen when it was used in a military sense to picture soldiers who were ordered to maintain their positions even in the face of fierce combat. Their order was *to stand their ground and defend what had been gained*.

To keep that ground, they had to be **courageous** to do whatever was required — *no matter how hard or difficult the assignment*. Their goal was to see that they survived every attack and held their position until they had **outlived and outlasted the resistance**.

These soldiers had to indefinitely and defiantly stick it out until the enemy realized they **couldn't be beaten and decided to retreat and go elsewhere**.

Thus, the word *hupomeno* conveys the idea of being **steadfast, consistent, unwavering, and unflinching**. It is the attitude that declares, "I don't care how heavy the load gets or how much pressure I'm under, I am not budging one inch! This is *my* spot, and I'm telling you right now that there isn't enough pressure in the whole world to make me move and give it up!"

Although the *King James Version* translates this word "patience," a more accurate rendering would be **endurance**. One scholar calls it *staying power*, whereas another contemporary translator calls it *hang-in-there power*.

Both of these translations adequately express the right idea about *hupomeno*. This is an attitude that never gives up! It *holds out, holds on, outlasts, and perseveres*

Patience has no fear. Patience knows that God's Word **has never failed**. If you are to please God you must operate in **faith**.

Faith not only believes that God exists, but that **God rewards those who diligently (relentlessly) seek Him.**

The instant you draw back in fear, you quit operating in faith.

Many do not believe in God but you and I know that God is so real.

He is unfathomable in His ways. His is the best father ever. Reliable and dependable yet his ways are higher than ours.

His presence is felt by the overwhelming peace.

His works are clearly manifest in everything he created from the entire universe, the sky, the clouds, animals, creatures, the planets, etc.

To be impatient is to deny God who he is in us. Signs of impatience: **anger, irritation, fear, doubt, lack of joy, heaviness, restlessness etc.**

Anytime you find yourself manifesting these, know for sure that your eyes are beginning to get off God and is back on your circumstances and self effort.

There are demonic forces that works with the learned lies we have in our head that will many times fight us but with the help of the holyspirit and patience, we are overcomers.

Lord, I am a believer, not a doubter. My faith is strengthened by the power of patience, and it defends and protects my soul from Satan's attacks. I believe I receive by faith. My faith is grounded securely in God's Word, and it is proof that I have received, even though I may not see it yet with my natural eye. I remain steadfast, regardless of the situation I am facing. I will not give up, and I continue to put the Word first place in my life! Amen.

My Confession for Today

I confess that I am steadfast, consistent, unwavering, and unflinching. I don't care how heavy the load gets or how much pressure I'm under, I am not budging one inch! This is my spot, and there isn't enough pressure in the whole world to make me move and give it up! I have supernatural endurance — staying power, hang-in-there power — and an attitude that holds out, holds on, outlasts, and perseveres until the victory is won and the goal is reached!

I declare this by faith in Jesus' name!