

PATIENCE & ENDURANCE: WAITING ON GOD'S TIMING

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THEME: PRACTICAL FAITH IN DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING" FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

TEXT: JAMES 2:17-20

TOPIC: PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE: WAITING ON GOD'S TIMING

TEXTS: JAMES 1:2-4, 5:7-11

INTRODUCTION

Scripture: James 1:2-4, 5:7-11

OBJECTIVE

- To understand the importance of patience and endurance in the Christian life, trusting in God's timing:- God's Time Is The Best.

PRESENTATION OF THE LESSON

A. UNDERSTANDING PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE

- Definition: Patience (Greek: *hupomone*) - steadfastness, perseverance, endurance.
- Biblical Examples: Job (Job 1-2), Joseph (Genesis 37-50), and the prophets (Hebrews 11:32-40).

B. WAITING ON GOD'S TIMING

Scripture: James 5:7-11 - "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord."

Key Points:

1. Trust in God's sovereignty: Recognize God's control over all circumstances (Psalm 37:7, Proverbs 3:5-6).
2. Endure trials: Face challenges with patience, knowing God is refining and strengthening faith (James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-5).

3. Learn from examples: Study biblical characters who demonstrated patience and endurance (Hebrews 11).

C. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

- **Daily Life:** Apply patience in relationships, work, and challenges (Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12).
- **Consider:- Marriage, Child Birth, Work Opportunity etc**
- **Prayer:** Seek God's guidance and strength to wait patiently (Psalm 38:15, Philippians 4:6-7). Phases of Prayers:- Wait!, Yes! , No! Alternative!
- **Community:** Encourage fellow believers to persevere and trust in God's timing (Hebrews 10:24-25).

CONCLUSION

Summary: Patience and endurance are essential for living out practical faith in daily Christian living.

Call to Action: Trust in God's timing, endure trials, and apply patience in daily life.