

Patience

TRUSTING GOD WHILE WE WAIT

*"We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11** being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience."*

Colossians 1:9-11

Makrothymai: _____ .

Hypomonē: to _____ .

Makrothymia is the grace to wait without _____ .

Hypomonē is the grace to remain faithful without _____ .

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. **9** Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy."

James 5:7-11



1. Trust God's _____ - Makrothymia

Farmer: Makrothymia, isn't if you wait but _____ you wait.

Prophet: Makrothymia speaks of our willingness to trust _____.

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3



Will you become bitter toward God? Will you take it out on somebody else?

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2. Trust God's Character – *Hypomone*

3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces _____; 4 _____, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Romans 5:3-5

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4

Can I trust His character even when I don't _____?

"You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. "

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"My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you." (Job 42:5)

Patiently enduring, remaining under, will _____ to see God for who He is.

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Application



Paul and James both use the word patience in the middle of a _____ that God wants to take us through.

"We are apt to think that everything that happens to us is to be turned into useful teaching; it is to be turned into something better than teaching, namely character. We shall find that the spheres God brings us into are not meant to teach us something but to make us something."

Oswald Chambers

Patience isn't the actual the _____ but a _____ God uses to reach the destination. Jesus did not come only to _____; he came to _____ me into what He teaches. He wants to make you into a person who is filled with _____, hope, and _____, full of character, mature not _____?



This week, don't _____. If you're waiting on God, trust His _____. If you're carrying something heavy, trust His _____. And whether you're waiting or enduring, remember this: the same God who revealed His compassion and mercy to Job is using every moment to make you _____.