

Youth Sunday School – Us and Patience: Patiently Waiting – 12/20/20

- Fighter verse
- Pray in light of fighter verse
- New City Catechism
 - Question 21: What sort of Redeemer is needed to bring us back to God? One who is truly human and also truly God. (Isaiah 9:6)
 - Question 22: Why must the Redeemer be truly human? That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weaknesses. (Heb. 2:17)
- Review patience memory verses

Review

- What is Patience?
- God patiently forgives, and His patience demonstrates who He is.

Patiently Waiting

- What are some things we have to wait for that we wish we didn't?
 - Think about examples in these different categories:
 - a. day-to-day life
 - b. short-term future
 - c. long-term future
 - d. things that God has to do
- What are some biblical examples of people waiting?
- ***Patiently waiting is learning to trust the outworking of God's timetable in our lives.***
 - Often, we are tempted to speed up his timetable or substitute another solution. What are some examples of how we might do this?
 - Can you think of any biblical examples of people trying to speed up God's timetable or substitute another solution?
 - Could read 1 Samuel 13:8-14 (Saul), Genesis 16:1-2 (Abraham)
 - These people grew impatient because of unbelief in the faithfulness of God and unwillingness to wait on him.
- In the following verses, what does waiting patiently for the Lord lead to?
 - Psalm 40:1-2 says "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure."
 - Lamentations 3:25-26 "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."
- We can easily get discouraged and give up when God's timetable for something stretches into years. What should we do in these times?
 1. Pray.
 - Luke 18:1-8 - Parable of the Persistent Widow
 - James 4:2-3 "You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

2. Believe His promises.

- What are some promises God has made to us? i.e. Rom. 8:28, Heb. 12:5-6, Deut. 31:8, 2 Peter 3:13, 1 John 2:25
- There are some good things we desire that God has not promised us. What could some examples of these things be?
- How do we patiently wait for something that is not promised us in the Bible?
 - Trust who God is – that He is a loving Father who loves to give good gifts to His children, Matt. 7:11 “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”
 - He knows what gifts would not be good though we might disagree now
 - Allow God to shape your desires – Psalm 37:4 “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you [or you could say, change/give new] the desires of your heart.”

3. Obey His will.

- Things not going according to plan is not a reason to neglect God’s commands (which, for the record, happens all the time). What is God’s will for you in any circumstance and what kinds of things should we be doing no matter what?
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3 “For this is the will of God, your sanctification”
- Luke 17:10 “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”
 - We are not owed anything for obedience, as if we could say “if I only do this or that God will give me what I want”. We obey because of what he has given us already and this obedience should not be based on our perceived circumstances.

4. Leave the results to Him.

- God “works all things according to the counsel of his will” (Ephesians 1:11) and will handle the results of our situation for His glory and our ultimate good far better than we could have arranged.
- We can trust the results to Him because He is a loving Father towards us. 1 Peter 5:7 - “casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you”.
- Philippians 1:6 “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

- Prayer Requests - What are some ways we can grow in patiently waiting?

Patience Memory Verses (pick at least 1)

- Psalm 40:1 "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry"
- Proverbs 25:5 "With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone."
- 1 Timothy 2:24 "And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:14 "And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all."
- 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Study Guide

- (Patience joyfully accepts delay, suffering, and the shortcomings of others.)
- What are some biblical examples of people waiting? (Noah waiting for water to recede, Abraham having children, Isaac and Rebekah having children, Jacob marrying Rachel, Joseph in prison in Egypt, the people of Israel in Egypt/the wilderness, Hannah having children [Samuel], David becoming king, Israel waiting for the Messiah to come, Disciples waiting in Jerusalem for Holy Spirit to come, us waiting for Jesus' return)
- Psalm 40:1-2 says "I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure." (God's inclination, his hearing of our cry, drawing us up out of destruction, setting our feet upon a rock making our steps secure)
- Lamentations 3:25-26 "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord." (God's goodness, God's saving power)
- What is God's will for you in any circumstance and what kinds of things should we be doing no matter what? (our sanctification, we should be seeking the Lord in prayer/the Word/Christian fellowship/worship/service/etc.)