

Pursuing Patience

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LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

Orthodoxy (Right Thinking)

- What “glory” (*Romans 8:18*) will be revealed *in us, to us, and for us*? How will this take place now and into the future?
- What PROMISES of God do you see in our text (*Romans 8:18-39*)?
- How does God join us in our pain through prayer?
- How do we become more like Jesus through prayer?
- What is PATIENCE and how does it “show off” God?

Orthocardia (Right Heart)

- What trials and uncertainty are you experiencing? Are there areas of unbelief and what is the fruit of your unbelief? What PROMISES do you need to believe?
- How do you approach God in prayer? Why?
- When do you lack PATIENCE? Why? What truths of God are you not believing in those times?

Orthopraxy (Right Action)

- What PROMISES do you need to believe in times of trial? How can you move these promises from your head to your heart?
- Do you see when others are expressing “patience”? When have you seen this and what does it look like to “celebrate” this work of God in their lives?
- In what ways can you approach God, in PRAYER, with your pain? How might that look specifically?
- How can you *pursue patience* this week? How can your Community Group (or others you are committed to) *pursue patience* together?

Text: Romans 8:18-39

Introduction (John 3:16)

When we are impatient, it’s because we forget or don’t realize that God our Father loves us and the plans He sets for us are for our good.

John 3:16

When we display patience, we show God is good and that He can be trusted. (we show God off!)

I. Promise in the Pain (Romans 8:18-25, 28-29)

Romans 8:18

Romans 8:29

Romans 8:19-25

There are PROMISES in the pain. There is HOPE in the hardships.

John 11

- The characters in this story understand the hardships and pains of life.
- The characters in this story also understand the PROMISES of God and what He can do.

II. Prayer in the Pain (Romans 8:26-28)

Romans 8:26-28

God comes right into the middle of our pain and our broken world through His Spirit's presence and power.

Romans 5:5

Romans 8:28

When we pray, we join in with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We navigate the chaos of life alongside the Creator of life.

III. Patience in the Pain (Romans 8:25, 32, 38-39)

Romans 8:25

PATIENCE - *The ability to endure difficulties with hopeful expectations during uncertain times.*

Romans 8:32

Conclusion

Romans 8:38-39