

“Patience from A to Z”

COVID Recovery Series – Part 4
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Please open your Bible or smart device to
Exodus 13:17-14:4

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Truth: Patience seldom develops in the
distance

Patience: “the ability to endure difficult circumstances such as perseverance in the face of delay; tolerance of provocation without responding in annoyance/anger; or forbearance when under strain, especially when faced with longer-term difficulties.”

“13 ¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

¹⁹ **Moses took the bones of Joseph with him** because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, “God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.”

²⁰ After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. ²¹ By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. ²² Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

14 ¹ Then the LORD said to Moses, ² “Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. ³ Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But **I will gain glory for myself**

through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this” (Exodus 13:17-14:4).

Patience can change you from...

1. A _____ to a _____

2. _____ driven to
_____ keeping

¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it” (Malachi 3:10)

3. Self _____ to God

4. A person with a _____ to a person
with a _____

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Are you in a small group? Groups of 3 to 10 people are currently open and gathering to discuss messages in this series and pray for one another. Most of the groups meet on Wednesday and Sunday Nights @ 6 PM. They meet in homes and in our Family Life Building. For more information, please see Maggie at guest services, or call (909) 790-1971.

How to begin a relationship with Jesus...

Admit that you’ve sinned (missed the mark of perfection) (Rom3:23)
Believe that Jesus is Lord, that He died on the cross for your sins and was raised from the dead (Rom. 10:9, John 3:16, 1 Peter 1:3)

Choose Jesus. Choose to Love God above all (Matthew 22:37, Eph. 5:1)