

Week 31 Patience

God wants to produce patience in us to slow us down and to show us how to trust in him. God does not test us, just for the sake of testing us, but he allows us to be tested so we learn to walk in his ways and to trust in him. Our current situation provides us all with an opportunity to 'slow down' and 'have patience'.

Bible Verse

The parable of the Master and the Servant

“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So, you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’” **Luke 17: 7-10 (NRSV)**

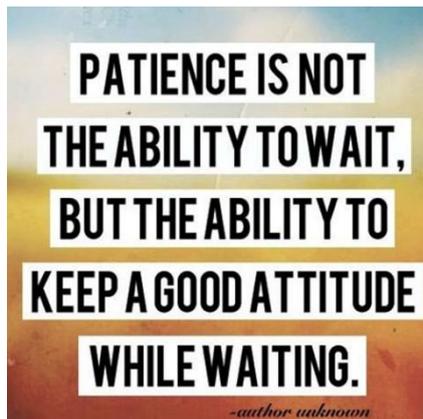
In today's Bible story, The Parable of the Master and Servant, Luke 17:7-10 (told by Jesus in the New Testament, found only in Luke's Gospel) we hear about a servant who is doing what is expected of him. It is suggested that the servant is expected to have great patience; he has to work, serve the master and then wait - patiently - until he can eat, drink and rest. Sometimes we struggle to be patient, **this Bible passage is teaching us that God expects us to be patient and that even if we do everything that is required of us, we may still need to wait patiently for reward or thanks.**

Game 1min Patience game (whole class can do this)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pp1kzZwZFul>

YouTube clip about Patience

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VRyu9fEEgs>



Discuss

What things make you in - patient? And should we be a bit more patient?

Patience is mentioned a lot in the Bible. It is connected to trust, hope, faith, love, and good character. Reflect and consider how these attributes linked to patience are developing in our lives. **How have they been needed as we have progressed through this crisis?**

LISTEN: As you listen to one of these two songs, consider what the lyrics say about patience, what does patience require? In what other ways do you think of patience?

'Patience' – Guns 'n Roses. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErvgV4P6Fzc>

'Patience' – Take That <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQ4ziRhLGCE>

PRAY: Dear God, we pray for the virtue of patience, in our hearts, homes and our lives. We want to wait patiently for your will to unfold in our lives. May we learn to wait patiently for You to bring Your answers to our prayers. We want to cooperate and wait on your plans for us. Amen.