

Vision: Helping People Win In Life (on the foundation of a Personal, Growing and Life Changing Relationship with Jesus Christ)

...helping people win in life!

CELEBRATION CHURCH



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Sermon Notes

Mission: Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.

◆ **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT SERIES • WEEK 4 OF 9** ◆
PATIENCE: "Prepared, Persevering, and Pressing Through"

Pastor Bob Washington

Icebreaker: "What's one everyday situation that tests your patience the most — traffic, long lines, slow Wi-Fi, or something else — and what's your go-to coping strategy?"

2026 Theme Scripture: John 10:10: "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Galatians 5:22–23 (ESV) — "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **p**_____, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."

- The Apostle Paul described what a Spirit-filled life looks like — and today we focus on the fruit of PATIENCE.
- We live in an i_____ world — instant food, instant answers, instant gratification. But God almost never works in seconds. God works in seasons.
- The Greek word for patience is makrothumia — literally "long-tempered" — the capacity to e_____ difficulty, delay, and hardship without quitting, exploding, or giving up.
- More destinies have been lost through i_____ than through failure. Today we discover that patience is not passive waiting; it is active t_____ in a God who is always on time.

1. PATIENCE PRODUCES CHARACTER

- Romans 5:3–4 — "Suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope."
- Every challenge, trial, and delay is p_____ something in you — God is building character.
- A diamond is formed deep underground — under p_____, under heat, over time.
- *The pressure isn't punishment — the pressure is the p_____.*
- You're not being forgotten — you're being f_____. Not ignored — you're being d_____.
- **Biblical Examples:**
 - Abraham waited 25 years for the promise.
 - Joseph waited 13 years before his calling was fulfilled.
 - David waited years before sitting on the throne.
 - Jesus spent 30 years preparing for a 3-year ministry — He didn't rush God's timing.
- The longer the wait, the greater the t_____ — God is preparing the person who will carry the b_____.

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2. PATIENCE PROTECTS YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

- Proverbs 14:29 — "Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding."
- Most regret comes from something said too q_____ — an angry text, a harsh response, a rushed decision.
- Patience p_____ unity and keeps bridges from burning. Love plays the long game.
- Like a pressure cooker — releasing pressure p_____ ruins what's being prepared.

- *Pause before you send the text. Pray before you speak. Seek God before you react.*
- **Biblical Example:**
 - *For three years Jesus dealt with disciples who misunderstood, doubted, and even denied Him — yet He never a_____ them.*
 - *He corrected them in love and remained patient through their i_____. That is how God loves us.*
- What you say in anger can cost far more than what you hold back in w_____.

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3. PATIENCE PROVES YOUR FAITH

- Hebrews 10:36 – *"You have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive what is promised."*
- Patience is not just waiting — it is waiting faithfully, obediently, and while still b_____.
- Notice the order: do God's will f_____ — then receive the promise. Trust first. Obey first. Wait first.
 - *If you trust a bank with your money, you don't sleep at the teller window. Why struggle to trust God with your future?*
- Patience says: "God, I d_____ this prayer, this promise, my future into Your hands — I trust You to bring it to pass."
- **Biblical Example:**
 - *From Gethsemane to Golgotha — through betrayal, false accusations, humiliation, and suffering — Jesus endured.*
 - *He pressed through, trusted the Father, and because He endured the cross, we have salvation today. His patience proved His f_____.*
- Due season is still on God's calendar — and God has never m_____ a delivery.

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"God is not slow — He is strategic. Your wait is not wasted.

Your patience is proof that God is still working."

◆ Press Through • Persevere • Keep Believing ◆

◆ DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ◆

1. Pastor described patience (*makrothumia*) as "active trust, not passive waiting." Where in your life right now is God asking you to actively trust Him while you wait?
2. Think of a relationship where impatience has caused damage. What would it look like to choose the "long game" in that relationship this week?
3. Jesus endured Gethsemane to Golgotha trusting the Father's timing. What promise has God given you that requires you to keep pressing through?

◆ SMALL GROUP NOTES ◆

- I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)
- II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs and Pray (7 min)
- III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)
- IV. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to serve others and/or share Christ with others? How can you partner with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)
- V. **Win (Testimony):** What next steps have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping (5 min)
- VI. **Will (Vision & Prayer):** Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)