

Persevere Because He's Worth It
James 5:7-11

God asks his children to **persevere** because he is worth it.

Our Responses:

1. **Patience** -

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming.” (7a)

Patience is the calm ability **to wait or endure hardship.**

2. Impatience is **being annoyed by delays.**

Three Examples of Patience:

The **farmer** -

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“See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.” (7b)

God is coming, so **practice patience.**

The **prophets** -

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“Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.” (10)

Jeremiah's patience was displayed through staying faithful **despite the results.**

Job -

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“You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.” (11b)

perseverance - **bearing up under weight**
to remain under

Job persevered **through suffering.**

“As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about.” (11)

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.” (7a-8)

1. Patience -
2. Impatience -
3. **Grumbling** - actively expressing
the annoyance of being delayed

“Don’t grumble against one another,
brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.
The Judge is standing at the door!” (9)

Why is God **worthy** of our patience?
Because he is **faithful**.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:12

How is the Lord faithful?

“The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”
(11b)

Compassion - noticing when someone is hurting and wanting to help them

Mercy - choosing to treat someone you have the power to punish with grace

How does God demonstrate his compassion and mercy? **the gospel**

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”

Hebrews 10:23

“I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.”

Psalms 130:5

What is our foundation for patience?

Putting our hope in **the living Word of God**

Reading God's Word

Reading God's Word

Praying God's Word

“If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

“I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope;”

Psalms 130:3-5

Reading God's Word

Praying God's Word

Meditating on God's Word

Look and Live
Numbers 21:3-9

Look to the Son and **live**.

What can we learn from this story?

1. Beware of **impatience** and speaking **against God**.

Impatience can often be linked to **pride**.

Groaning vs. grumbling

“For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

“And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”

Romans 8:22-23

Groaning - our longing for reunion with Christ

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Grumbling - a mutter of discontent; complaint

“Do not grumble against one another,
brothers, so that you may not be judged;
behold, the Judge is standing at the door.”

James 5:9

2. **Moses** displays how to be **patient in suffering.**

Before the **Israelites** could be delivered from the serpents, they had to acknowledge their need **for God to provide safety.**

They had to show **humility**.

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They had to acknowledge **need**.



3. See the connection from the serpent on the staff to the **Savior on the cross.**

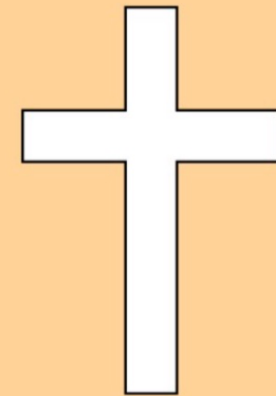
“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

John 3:14-15



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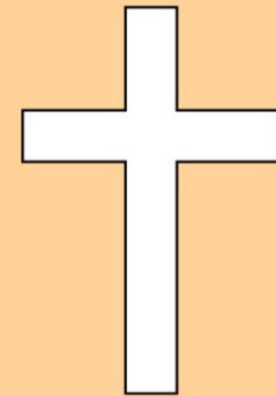




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Impatience and Grumbling



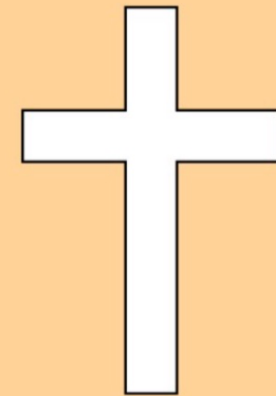


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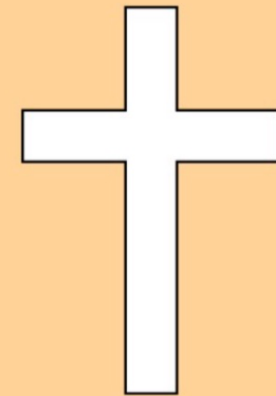
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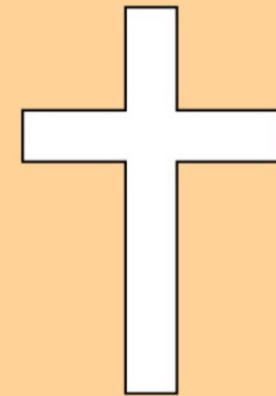
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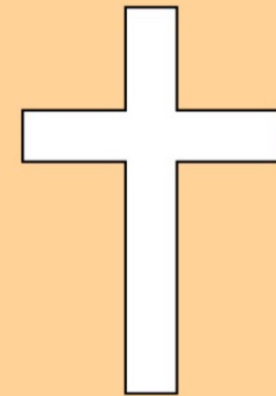
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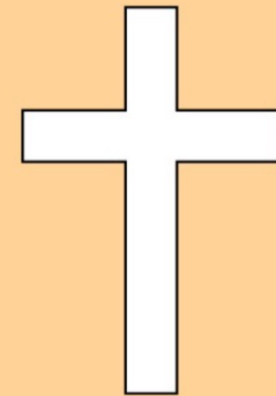
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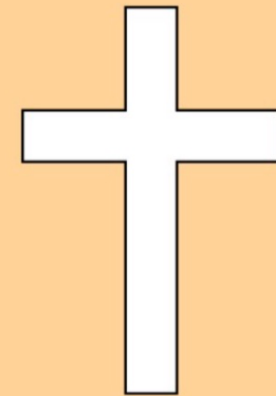
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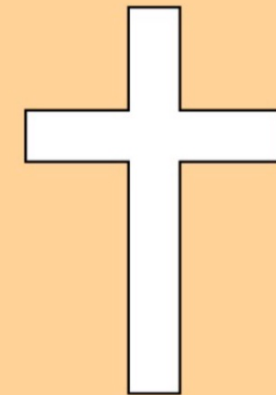
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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

“Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

“But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

John 3:16-21

“. . . without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

Hebrews 9:22b

To those who are unsure about their faith -

“He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah.

“And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it.”

2 Kings 18:4

To those who are unsure about their faith -
Look to him and live.

To believers in Christ -

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Be patient in **suffering**.

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Be patient in **sanctification**.