

The Force of Patience

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FORWARD

I cannot help but be thrilled at how the word of God has taken root in the hearts of believers all over the world today. They have begun to live with the realization that God intended for them to be the head and not the tail, to be above only and not beneath. This is bound to happen when a believer begins to understand the authority he has through the World of God. You will see him, as the scripture below says, *“come above the corruption that is in the world through lust”*.

2 Peter 1:3-4 says,

“According as his divine power HATH given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, THROUGH THE KNOWLAGE OF HIM that hath called us unto glory and virtue; Whereby are given unto us exceedingly great and precious promises. That by THESE ye might be partakers of the divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”.

Hosea 4:6 says,

“MY people are destroyed for lack of knowledge”.

Through this book I want to give a clearer picture of the benefits that await you. So many people have lived for God with all of their hearts; they really loved the Lord, but were all of their lifetime subject to whatever came along, and really acted like the man who didn't know the Lord. If you are not being an overcomer, if you are not escaping the corruption that is in the world through lust, there has to be a reason. God is not a respecter of persons. He is a respecter of faith. He will honor his word. If you have fallen subject to these things, you need to be sure that you are applying God's word.

Although there are many reasons someone might fall short in receiving from God, I believe one of the most overlooked areas is the Force of Patience.

As you read this revelation, you will more fully understand the forces that so daily affect our lives, and cause us to either be a success or a failure. I do not mean to suggest that

just because you are not overcoming certain things that you are a failure. You are a child of God. But the sad part is that many fine Christian people fall prey to sickness, disease, poverty and torment out of which Christ has delivered us.

We must all continue to grow in the understanding of how to apply these forces to our lives and as we do our world will become what God intended it to be. God doesn't heal you because he feels sorry for you. You can see that by looking at the suffering that there is in the world today. He heals you because he was approached by faith according to his promise. This is why Mark chapter four tells us that Satan comes immediately to steal the word when it is sown in the heart. If a believer gets his hands on that word, Satan has had it. But this is only going to take place as the word becomes heart knowledge instead of head knowledge. It must become a Rhema word to you. At that time, you become dangerous to the kingdom of darkness.

Chapter One

Understanding the force of patience

Few believers really understand the forces of the spirit world. They generally pray, and through wishful thinking, hope everything will turn out. If a miracle takes place, they are almost shocked. I realize that God is not a machine, but he is a God of order. When God set order in the universe, you could set your watch by it. God is the one who set spiritual law in motion. Anytime you operate a spiritual law the way he said that is was suppose to be operated it will work for you. If faith doesn't work all the time for healing, then what makes you thing it will work all the time for salvation. Both issues were dealt by with the same death, burial and resurrection. Both are received by the same spiritual force of faith.

Natural Laws

In contrast, let's look at a natural law to see how it operates. Electricity is a natural law. You are not surprised to see the lights come on in your house when you turn on the switch. Why? Because you know that the force of electricity has been properly channeled through your house to make those lights work. If it doesn't come on when you flip the switch you are surprised. You know something is wrong and start looking for a short or a bad connection. You might check the fuse box to see if it threw a breaker. If electricity worked the same way we thought faith worked, sometimes you would have lights, sometimes you wouldn't.

The point is, electricity works for you 100% of the time because someone properly channeled the natural forces of the air, and hooked them up to your wall socket. It would have worked for Noah as well as it does for you. He could have been using flood lights. The reason electricity did not work in the days of Noah, is because no one understood the forces and natural laws that pertained to it.

Spiritual Forces

Faith and Patience are spiritual laws that have been in existence since the beginning of time. God used them as tools in the creation of the worlds. Abraham used them, Jesus used them, and Paul used them. Men and women of faith today use them, and they work just the same today as they did when God created everything on this planet.

If the spiritual laws are not working for you, if you are not getting results, you need to trace back until you find the problem. It could be strife of unforgiveness. It could be what James 1:6 said that you waver when the pressure gets on. Somewhere in the application you missed it. Spiritual forces when operated correctly will produce results. They are made to work, not fail.

Faith and Patience

It is difficult and almost impossible to say anything about the force of patience and leave out the force of faith. I call it the “*Power Twins*.” This is really true because you never see one in operation without the other right along with it backing it up. Faith can never work to its highest ability without patience also on its side. You can never really be strong in faith and bring the results you want unless you are strong in patience.

Actually, there are very few times when your failure to succeed or move the mountain is because of lack of faith. How many times have you heard someone say, “You just don’t have the faith?” I have heard that for years, but it has never sounded right or felt right in my spirit.

I would say that most of you who are reading this have heard and acted on the word, and as a result have strong faith. *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17.*

The failure of receiving from God takes place somewhere between the time your faith is released and the mountain is moved. This is when the battle takes place and usually when the failure occurs.

You may be strong in faith and weak in patience.

How many times have you heard the word of God, and then faith sprang up in your heart that you knew it would not fail? Later when circumstances would arise, you would begin to question and reason in your heart. This is usually where you lose it.

What Patience Is

Patience is the garrison of the mind. It is the soldier who stays on guard to protect and defend the ground you are believing for. Patience wars in the area of the mind. It battles in the area of the five senses.

Faith is released to the mountains. When you release it, it leaves you. Your words become vehicles that carry your faith to that mountain. During this time patience stayed at home and your battles against the thoughts and attacks that come against your mind, will and emotions. Listen to 2 Corinthians 10:4-5. *It pulls down strong holds, casts down imagination, and every high thing that would exalt itself against the knowledge of God, and brings into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.* This is patience in action.

Patience arrests every thought that opposes what the word of God has said about you. It is the garrison of the mind. It is a soldier who stands guard. Patience is an aggressive and stubborn force.

Most of the time, patience is looked on as someone who is weak and takes everything on the chin without complaining. If they are sick, they quietly suffer.

Look at patience like this. When it does its work, warfare is going on. A battle is taking place. Your five senses tell you. *"I know you were prayed for, but you don't feel any different"*. Patience stands up and says *"I am not moved by what I see, but only by his word that dwells in me"*. Your five senses will tell you *"I know you are believing God for healing, but you don't feel any different. You must not have gotten it this time."* Patience says *"I am not moved by what I feel. God's word is true. By his stripes I am healed. 1 Peter 2:24."*

PATIENCE DECLARES GOD'S WORD IF TRUE REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU FEEL OR WHAT YOU SEE. PATIENCE ALWAYS POINTS YOU TO THE WORD OF GOD AND WARS AGAINST ANYTHING THAT WOULD GO CONTRARY TO THAT WORD. YOUR PATIENCE TAKES A STAND AGAINST CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR FINANCES WILL SIDE IN WITH THE STRONGEST OF THE TWO. YOUR BODY WILL SIDE IN WITH THE STRONGEST OF THE TWO.

When you begin to say, "well I guess I didn't get what I was praying for, I don't feel right", you just kicked the props out from under your faith. Suddenly loses its backing.

Patience undergirds your faith. It pushes your faith right up and against the problem. When you hold to a bad confession that goes contrary to the word of God, by saying, "Well, it looks like I didn't get what I prayed for", you just closed the door on your faith and left it out there by itself. It isn't nourished, watered or fed. It has no backing. It loses its intensity and strength. All because you sided in with your five senses instead of your faith.

Let's look at patience in Greek:

The Greek word of patience is "Hupomone".

The meanings are **CHEERFUL** (hopeful),
CONSISTENCY,
TO STAY UNDER (behind),
TO REMAIN,
TO UNDERGO,
BARE TRAILS,
HAVE FORTITUDE,
PERSEVERE,
ABIDE,
TARRY BEHIND.

I believe that you can apply each of these meanings to our text. Patience is an aggressive, stubborn force that works in the area of the mind. It battles the five senses when they are in opposition to the promise. Patience holds the door open while your faith has gone out to possess the things that you are believing for. When your reason says that your faith will not return with the answer, your patience will respond immediately by stating, "Oh yes it will. God's word is true. It will produce. Patience never sides with the opposition, only with the word of God.

Look at how patience is always linked to faith in times of trouble. During this time, warfare is at its highest peak.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

So that we ourselves glory in you in the Churches of God for your faith and patience in all of your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure

James 1:3

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. (Makes it work, and turns it on).

Romans 5:3-4

And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

2 Corinthians 6:4

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in affliction, in necessities in distresses.

I will list other scriptures in the back of the book, but I am sure that you can see how faith gets in it's backing from patience.

Patience will keep your confession high, even when you don't see the answer. Strong patience does not waiver. The mind is where you waiver. The battle ground of the mind is where patience engages in battle.

Listen to what Hebrews 10:35-36 says about patience says about patience in relation to you receiving a promise from God.

*“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. **For you need of patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise”.*

Let me word this a little different for you.

“Don't cast away your faith. It will produce results. Don't cast it away, for you have need of patience or being consistent in the word of God. After you have acted on the word, and backed it up with patience, then you will receive the promise that you have claimed.”

Consistency in the Word

I believe inconsistency to be one of the biggest down falls in the area of receiving from God. We live in a society of people who are not prepared to stand for what they are believing for. To them everything is instant. Their mentality is to stand in front of the micro wave and yell, “hurry”. How many times have you sent out your faith, and before it had time to complete the job, you drain it of its life, and strip it of its power by saying “I guess I didn't get it this time, I can't see the difference”.

Sometimes it takes a little time for the force of faith to untie some of the messes you get into. Especially in the area of finances, because there is more than one person involved. During this time when you don't see the answer, your patience is doing its work. It is turning your eyes back to the word of God.

Most people have no resistance to symptoms. Their patience is weak, and before their faith can complete its job, they have accepted defeat.

Chapter Two

In Your Patience Posses Ye Your Souls

Let's talk for a moment about how God put his man together. You are spirit. Your soul consists of your mind, will and emotions. You live in a body. Most Christians want their spirit and body free yet they are willing to accept captivity in their mind, will and emotions. To many, this captivity of habit, fear and unbelief are simply a way of life. How sad this must make the heart of God. The price was paid for you to walk in liberty in your whole spirit and soul and body. God wants you in control of all of your facilities, and living in dominion through the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the earth.

When Jesus walked on the earth, he walked just like Adam before his fall, and the way we should walk because of the inheritance he has given us. His spirit was in control, sickness has no resting place in his body. He never had nervous problems or bad habits. HE was in control. **He was in Possession of his soul and body.** This pleased the Father.

Let's talk about what it means to possess something. When you possess something, you gain control over it. Have you ever seen someone try to quit smoking or drinking and they just couldn't? They were not in possession of their soul. Their mind, will and emotions were in prison. Have you ever seen someone who could not control their temper, eating or slothfulness? They could not go make themselves get up and do what needed to be done. They did not possess their soul.

Can you imagine what it would be like today if every man was not driven by lust, hate, fear or greed? I believe this illustrates the importance of possession your soul. You need to be free and in dominion in all three areas, spirit, soul and body.

How to Possess Your Soul

Patience is the tool that God gave you to be in control of your soul. Let's look at what Jesus said in Luke 21:19.

"In your patience possess ye your souls".

We have quoted this scripture for years but really never had a grasp on its meaning. Your soul is kept by patience. Patience does this by bringing every thought to the obedience of the word of God. Patience brings your mind, will and emotions to the word of God and covers and shelters it from attack. It is the word of God that keeps out mind. The word is the only thing that never changes. It is an anchor against the storms of life.

A person that possess his soul is not moved by what he sees. He knows how it is going to turn out. He saw it in the word. He is consistent. He is the same way every time you see him. Someone who does not possess his soul will quickly become double minded when tribulation and persecution arises. He has no solid foundation.

Patience wars against the sense realm and brings your mind, will and emotions under subjection to the word of God. When patience does its work, it is always position you to the word.

If you will notice, when Jesus was making the *statement "In your patience possess ye your souls"*, he was telling of tribulation that was so severe that people would flee to the mountain because of fear. They would be killed by the edge of the sword. Men's hearts would fail them for fear of things that were coming upon the world. Jesus said that emotions would be kept by the unchanging word of God. We would become unmovable in the midst of the fear because our sense realm would talk a back seat to his word.

If your patience is not strong, your five senses will run over you when you are under attack and control your every move. You will be submissive to symptoms and suggestions. You will catch the flu because it is going around.

If patience sits down, your faith has no backing. It has no continuing strength, because the job description of patience is to undergird your faith. It actually pushed your faith right up against the problem.

Let's look at a man with weak patience. We find him in James 1:8.

"A double minded man is unstable in all of his ways" KJV

"For being as he is a man of two minds, hesitating, dubious, irresolute, he is instable, unreliable and uncertain about everything he thinks, feels and decides"
AMP

James 1:7 tells us that this man will not receive anything from the Lord.

How many times have I sent out my faith which was strong, but my patience was weak and contemptible. I became double minded in my confession. "Well, maybe I didn't get it this time. Maybe there is a reason that God did not want me to have it". When you reach this point, you become a pushover. You are not standing on a solid foundation. Satan hits you in the side with symptoms and you begin to reason. Reason outside the Word of God will quickly turn to unbelief. You waiver and become double minded. James tells us that you will not receive anything from the Lord.

You cannot take the path of least resistance. To be strong in patience is to have a warring spirit about you. When you are strong in patience, you will stand right up in the face of death itself and declare, "God's Word is true. By His stripes I am healed.

Chapter Three

How Patience works and is developed.

The force of patience is part of the fruit of the Spirit. As a believer, you already possess this. You don't get more patience. Your patience just becomes developed. It doesn't come in quarts and gallons. If you will notice, Romans 5:3 tells us that

“Tribulation worketh patience”.

Patience is already there. You already possess it. Tribulation turns it on. Trouble makes it work. When times get hard, patience goes to work, screaming at the top of its voice, “God's word is true. My God shall supply all of my needs according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ”.

Let's look at this passage of scripture found in Romans 5:3-5

“And not only so, but we glory in tribulation also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience: And patience, experience: and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the holy ghost which is given to us”.

Paul was saying that he had the ability to glory or rejoice triumphantly and be victorious in the midst of trouble and tribulation. He stayed confident in the word of God. The bigger the problem, the more his patience turned on. As patience warred and won the victory, it gave experience (of victory). And this experience if victory worked hope. From this hope is produced the substance called faith, and this will never leave you ashamed.

Let's look at it again. When trials and test come, you are not helpless. You have what it takes to turn that test and trial into victory. When tribulation comes against you, patience starts its engines. Patience builds experience. You have been there before and won. Through that experience that has been built comes hope. You can do it again. This scripture says that this hope maketh not ashamed. It pleases the father.

You already possess the fruit of patience. It is developed by staying in the word of God. Keeping the word in your heart day and night. Making confession from the word. God told Joshua at a very important time in Israel's history, at a time when he was going to take the place of Moses. "This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you will deal wisely and have good success" Joshua 1:8 (amplified). Psalms 1:1-3 tells us that the man who gets in the word and "meditates therein day and night is like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper". This is how you strengthen and develop your patience. It enables your faith to continue.

Chapter Four

Fiery darts

(Why confession works)

Patience wars against the fiery darts that come against your mind. Just as Satan would whisper in your ear for defeat, patience will whisper in your ear for victory. Satan would tell you that you are sick, patience will tell you that you are healed. Patience will tell you that you are not the sick trying to get healed, rather you are the healed that Satan is trying to make sick.

Satan will tell you that you are poor and always be. Patience immediately goes to the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy and begins to say what God said about you. “I am the head and not the tail. I am above only and not beneath. I will lend to many nations and not borrow. The blessings of God shall come on me and overtake me. The Lord has made me plenteous in goods and the fruit of my body, in the fruit of my cattle and in the fruit of my ground. I am blessed when I come in and I am blessed when I go out”.

If we are to change the messes that we get into, we must change our vocabulary. If you can't say something good, then you need to learn the vocabulary of silence.

A number of years ago my brother worked with a man who was a severe hypochondriac. If there was sickness going around, he was determined to be the first in line to get it. That year, there was several different kinds of flu going around the country he made the statement, “I know that I am going to catch them all. The only thing that worries me is that I will probably catch them all at the same time”. Well guess what; he was right.

Now I don't know if this man was a Christian or not, but I know many Christians who sound just like that man. They love God with all of their hearts, but they talk poverty, sickness and death as though it was the way that God intended for them to live. They use the word “death” to describe their feelings more than any other word in the English vocabulary. If they held fast to God's word with the same intensity that they hold to living under the curse of the law, they would be moving mountains.

If you confess sickness, it will open the door for sickness to attack your system. If you talk about your doubts and fears they will grow and become strong before your eyes. If

you confess lack in finances, it will stop placing a demand on the favor and windows of opportunity that would come to you. Talk failure and it will create a wall that you can't see over. Why don't we start talking and acting like the New Testament is true? Why not start about the word of God, our wonderful heavenly Father and his ability and what he can do. When he gets involved, I am not moved by recession or lack in any area.

"For my God shall supply all of my needs according to his riches in glory" Phil. 4:19

God would supply my needs if he had to cause the neighbors chicken to fly over my fence and commit suicide. If he had to cause a dog to drag it up in a sack. I am holding the fast to the confession that God is going to do what he said in his word. People are not your source. God is your source. You need to take God's word as soberly as you would take the word of your doctor, lawyer or most trusted friend. Start confessing his abundant supply. Mark 11:23 says that

"you will have whatsoever you say".

When you make a confession, you are putting spiritual law in motion. Satan tried to use these spiritual laws when he thought to overthrow God. He said, "I will ascend above the heavens, I will make my throne above God". Of course God over ruled him and said, "No you won't".

After the fall of man, he retained the ability to operate spiritual laws. Although he had fallen to the state that he was in, he was still created in God's image. That is why men who are not born again to a certain extent, operate these spiritual laws through positive thinking and confession. Admit it or not, this is a spiritual experience. How much more could they do if they became a recreated spirit. How much more could they do if their recreated spirit go in line with the word of God and arose to the ascendancy above their soul and body.

Generally what happens is that they make a confession to change their circumstances. They put in motion the force of faith. When they don't see the answer immediately, they over-ride their confession with another confession, "I guess I didn't get it this time". They are weak in patience. They are not holding fast to the word of God. They have allowed themselves to believe in sickness more than they believe in the promise that God made them.

How many times have you seen people get into a prayer line to receive their healing, and as they were walking away, they were feeling for pain. You could hear them say, "Did I get it? I guess not, it still hurts". They may be strong in faith but they are weak in patience. We need to be like a bull dog in this area and say, "either he is going to honor his word or he is not". We need to stop calling God a liar. What we need to do when we are prayed for is to begin to thank God for our healing, and then hold fast to the word of God. You have set the force of faith in motion. Let it work. While it is doing its work, patience is warring the fiery darts that come against your mind. Patience will hold fast to the word until our healing is complete.

I am not suggesting that you deny that the sickness exists. Sickness is real and will destroy your health. It would be a gross error to suggest that it is not real. The thing that I am saying is that God's word is a higher law than the natural law of sickness and death. The world of the spirit is the parent of the world of the natural. God created the world of the natural with the forces of the world for the spirit. You can change the world of the natural by using the forces and resources of the unlimited spirit realm.

2 Corinthians 4:18 tells us that we don't look at the things that are seen, for the things that are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

God is an invisible God, at least to our natural eyes, but that doesn't mean that he does not exist. Do you believe that God does not exist because you cannot see him? Of course not! Yet people do that every day. When they so desperately need a miracle, they say, "If I can't see it, I don't have it".

There are many Christians who will say that you are lying if you claim healing even though you don't see the results. They are so caught up in unbelief that they don't believe it when they read it. They are "sense governed" Christians, and they will never advance beyond what they said in Isaiah 53:5

"By his stripes we ARE healed".

1 Peter 2:24 which is on the other side of the cross, said,

"By his stripes we WERE healed".

If we WERE healed 2000 years ago, then I AM healed today. The healing has already been taken care of at Calvary. My body just has to come in line with what God has already said. This will never happen as long as you are weak in patience, holding fast to the sickness instead of the word of God. This also works in the area of your finances, you home and what ever else you need.

God does not mind you holding him to his word. He is honorable. The word is a bridge from the world of the spirit into the natural. It is a weapon for us to use against the enemy. Look at what Jesus did on the mount of temptation. The word of God was a sword in his mouth he didn't use his righteousness, yet there was none more righteous than Jesus. He didn't use his holiness, and yet there was none more holy than our Lord. He didn't try to reason with him. He wielded the sword of the spirit which is the word of God, and Satan was powerless against it. Actually, this is how the believer is suppose to resist the devil. *James 4:7 said*

"Submit yourself therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you".

This was Jesus example to us of how to resist the devil.

Resist the devil

Let's look at this word "resist". Webster's dictionary said this was the meaning.

"To withstand; To fend off; To oppose actively; To fight against; "

Many people think that when you resist something that you simply ignore it, and it will eventually get bored and leave you alone. The bible says that when you resist him with the word of God that he will FLEE. That means a hasty, panic retreat. He is running for his life. One translation reads "he flees in stark terror". Praise God. When you believe God for healing or finances, your patience goes to work, wielding the uncompromised word of God, quenching the fiery darts that Satan would throw against you.

Chapter Five

An example of patience

(Our faith march)

Listen to 1 Peter 1:13.

“Gird up the loins of your mind”.

This is a wonderful description of what patience does. Someone who is weak in patience cannot do this. A number of years ago, my younger brother Jimmy hurt his back on his job. He was in a lot of pain, and almost unable to get out of bed. At that time, he was really getting into the word and applying it to his life. He had been laying hold of some truths that would literally shake Satan’s kingdom to the foundation. I personally believe that it was Satan’s attack trying to know the word out of him. Mark Chapter 4 says,

“when the word is sown (or someone receives revelation in his heart) Satan comes immediately to steal the word that was sown in his heart”.

He uses five areas to base his attack from. They are:

Affliction,
Persecution,
The cares of this life,
The deceitfulness of riches
The lust of other things.

Jimmy understood the principles behind these forces of faith and patience, and immediately put them into motion. At first, nothing seemed to happen. That is, nothing he could see with the natural eye. The pain was still there, he hurt so bad that he couldn’t take off his boots. He had already laid hold of the word and would not confess anything contrary to what God had promised. His job required a lot of lifting, but he could hardly walk up the stairs. All this time he was holding fast to the word. When the pain would get severe, he would get his bible out and begin to run those scriptures of healing through his mind. During this time, he was girding up the loins of his mind, which is another description of patience. This went on for a couple of days. The natural man wanted to

stay home in bed, but the man of faith who is strong in patience holds fast to the word and refuses to be moved by what he sees or feels. The word of God has become the final authority in his life.

Then one day he was at work, quoting the scriptures of healing in much pain, still holding fast to the promise. All of a sudden he felt a warm sensation go from the top of his head to his feet. The healing was complete. The pain was totally gone. He walked outside and grabbed a hundred pound roller, carried it inside and threw it up on the counter. His confession never changed from the time he hurt his back until his healing was complete. His patience was strong enough to keep his faith alive while the miracle was taking place.

Most people take God's word for five minutes, and then give up. Sometimes you have to get your spirit in line with the word, and the body will follow. The natural will always follow the Spirit.

Sealed in the Spirit

The moment you take God at his word, is the moment it is signed and sealed in the Spirit realm. Actually the moment this is done, you have your miracle. Now it is time to begin your walk of faith. This is where your patience goes to work. Many times Satan has everything timed up and God has to take time to untangle everything. Especially in the area of finances. There is always more than one person involved; you have wills, unbelief, and every other sort of thing that you can think of. This is why many times it doesn't happen overnight.

Faith march

I have received it by faith. God's word has sealed it. It is mine. I start walking toward it. I got out half way and Satan said, "You don't have it, look and see, feel and see". And most of the time, you look and feel and say, "Well, I guess I didn't get it this time". You should know that is not God. **His word has already said what he is going to say.**

Here is where your patience comes in. I don't pay any attention to what I feel, not am I moved by what I see. This is where my mind has got to hold. I must not hesitate not become double minded. Satan has no authority over your spirit, so he attacks your soul. He plays on your emotions. The reason that Satan has that door is because my mind is infiltrated by the world that Satan is the god over. I can see in that world. I can hear in that world.

I have started my faith walk. I am walking toward the thing that I have desired. I repeat, in the world of the spirit it is already mine. As negative thoughts bombard my mind and fear tries to overwhelm me, patience is hard at work arresting and casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge or word of God, and brings into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

The dumb body

Your body only does what it is told to do, so don't go along with your body. It wouldn't even get up in the morning if you didn't tell it to. There are forces pulling at you all of the time. Your body will side in with the force that is strongest. Your body is either driven by your spirit or your soul. Your spirit is motivated by the word of God, and your soul, when left alone is motivated by what it sees, feels and hears. Since Satan has access to what you see, hear and feel, he can maneuver you will symptoms.

When your spirit is strong in patience, it will ignore those symptoms, and that will leave Satan nothing to fight you with. You cannot afford to let your soul rule, because it will keep your spirit in prison. Most Christians are completely controlled by their body and soul realm, their appetites and lust. As a result, they are like a ship without a rudder. This is what was happening in the 7th chapter of Romans where he said, "with my spirit I serve God, but my mind and body put me in captivity where I could not do the things that I would". I have to break that captivity by getting my soul singled up with the word of God.

I start my walk and Satan charges my mind. I put him off. My mind is full of the word of God. I have learned to keep on walking. I am giving God his opportunity to perform his work like he said he would. It won't be long until you take that first step, and the answer will be there. The fight won't take as long as it did before because your mind has been renewed by the word of God. Your patience and faith will become stronger and stronger. The more you grow in this area, the faster the miracle will take place for you. The work and waiting time seems overwhelming during your growing time. It is not a growing time of the believer. It is a growing time of the word in the believer. It is not the ground that grows; it is the seed that grows.

You need to work that experience and build that hope. Take advantage of the growing time. You will find the answer coming quicker and stronger as you become developed and matured.

Ninety-nine percent of the time when you have been sick, you take that first step, then Satan needles you in the side and you say, "I guess I didn't get it this time". Somewhere down the line you are going to have to continue to believe, and continue to speak. God doesn't want to know what you feel. He wants to know what you believe. Stop being a pushover.

God is doing his best to work on your miracle, but any time he gets any faith to work with, Satan jabs you in the side with a pain and knocks the word out of you. This is what happened in Mark 4:35 when Jesus was on the stormy lake with his disciples. They had heard him preach all day long. Their faith was strong and high because Romans 10:17 tells us that

"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God".

After they were hit by the storm they begin to panic and despair. Jesus said “wherefore did you doubt, and how is it that you have no faith?” In other words, “Where did your faith fly away to?” They were strong in faith but weak in patience. When problems began to arise, they crumbled. Their faith perished on the road to a miracle.

If you will allow patience to develop, it will cause you to be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (James 1:3-4). You can develop to the place that you don’t want anything. You will be in a dominion like God intended for you to be.

I might as well warn you that you can expect a fight. During this time you will have to stick to that book. At the moment things look the darkest, when it looks as though things aren’t going to work out, that is when you cry out the loudest, “God’s word is true. He will perform it”.

This is not a time to become double-minded, hesitating, shaken or contemptible in your faith. If you hesitate, Satan will walk all over you. James 1:8 said that a double-minded man won’t receive anything from the Lord. He won’t stay on the word long enough for the Lord to do anything for him.

Scripture References

Notice that all of these scripture verses how many times that patience is linked with tribulation, persecution and trouble. This is where patience does its work. It is during these times that we become double minded and get off of the Word. Patience is the tool that helps you remain consistent and stable on the Word of God when everything around you seems overwhelming.

Hebrews 6:12

¹²That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

James 1:3

³Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

⁴So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

2 Corinthians 6:4

⁴But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

Romans 5:3-4

³And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

⁴And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Romans 8:25

²⁵But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Hebrews 10:35-36

³⁵Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward.

³⁶For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Luke 21:19

¹⁹In your patience possess ye your souls.

Hebrews 12:1

¹Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

James 1:4

⁴But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Luke 8:15

¹⁵But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.