

# Waging War To Get Results

## How To Avoid Faith Failure – The Mechanics

### (Part 6)

*Luke 22:32 Mark 5:25-34*

#### **Objective**

This series of teachings will address the various aspects of the faith walk. It will equip the Believer to accurately function according to Biblical faith. Avoiding faith failure will only occur to the degree that one has been taught and properly coached in the faith process.

#### **Review**

Faith gives us access to the supernatural life Jesus died to give us!!!

*\*Def. Supernatural – The supernatural refers to the extraordinary often miraculous interventions of God and influence of righteous principles into Earth’s affairs, though these interventions and influences are not always spectacular they are supernatural, because of their divine origin.*

1. The just shall live by faith **Rom. 1:17**
2. Without Faith it is impossible to please God **Heb. 11:6**
3. Faith is necessary to overcome the challenges of life **1 John 5:4**
4. We studied the dynamics of Scriptures spiritual believing.

#### **Understanding the “Endurance” Element of Faith *Heb. 10:35-36***

#### **Introduction**

It is amazing that as important as Patience is to the faith process that so few really understand how to employ it. We live in a fast pace society where everything is done at microwave speed, therefore the patience factor as not appealing. The systematic faith process as taught by Jesus in Mark 11 is not magic and in many cases requires time for the manifestation of the object of our faith. The diligence and tenacity of the Believer during this waiting process is what patience is all about. You can do everything you are supposed to do and still have not received the promise because of the incubation process of faith. Those who are patient know that delay is not denial. The Scripture bears witness that it requires both faith and patience to receive from God. Is anybody standing in faith for something that has not manifested yet???

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## **I. Understanding The Scriptural Revelation of Patience *Prov. 20:5***

### **A. Patience Is Grossly Misunderstood By Believers**

*\*Patience does not diminish faith with circumstantial compromising confessions!*

1. Patience is not resignation from expectation
2. Patience is not scaling back projected results
3. Patience is not a step away from idleness

### **B. Patience Is Greatly Mentioned Throughout the Bible**

*\*Def. Patience is the spiritual resolve that gives birth to the strength and tenacity to continue operating in faith in the face of give up opportunities!*

#### **1. The Principle Of Patience Is Clear *Rom. 5:3-4***

*\*The tone and tenor of Patience in the Scripture lends itself to an active force of perseverance, endurance, fortitude and persistence! Change your view of patience!*

- a. Patience Is Required to See Faith Results *Luke 8:15, Rom. 8:25*
- b. Patience Is Required to Endure Persecution to Experience Vindication  
*2 Thess. 1:4*

#### **2. The Pattern of Patience Is Critical. *Heb. 6:12***

- a. Abraham – declares he patiently endured *Heb. 6:15*
- b. Elijah – prayed for rain without any sign and exercised patience. *1 King 18:41-45*

### **C. Patience Is A Godly Mandate for Believers *James 1:2-4, Luke 21:19***

*\*Patience becomes a formidable force when we learn to rest in the promises of God, become settled in our hearts and are disciplined to stay the course of the faith process until the promises are received.*

1. *Col. 1:10-11, 2 Pet. 1:5-10* are listed among the fruitful traits of the mature.
2. *Titus 2:1-2* encourages us to be developed in patience
3. Patience is developed through learning to trust God in difficult situations.

*Rom. 5:3*

## **II. Understanding The Spiritual Resolve Of Patience *Rom. 2:7....it's about continuing!!!***

*\*We began to live exceptional lives of faith when we learn to activate patience and press beyond the excuses and give up point of others. Patience causes us to tap the breakthrough beyond our quitting point.*

### **A. Understanding Patience Is Critical To Strong Faith *Heb. 10:36***

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*\*Patience gives strength to endure hardships until the manifestation comes and is the incubator of faith giving it time to grow and prevail!*

1. Patience works to allow time for the spiritual forces to impact the natural – clock story!
2. Patience works to allow you to check up on your Lifestyle. **Jer. 5:25**
3. Patience works to allow you to review your confession of faith. **Rom. 4:17**
4. Patience works to allow you to manage your thoughts **2 Cor. 10:5**
5. Patience works to allow you to check out fellowship **Prov. 17:17, 2 Cor. 6:14**
6. Patience works to allows you to check up on your commitment to praise **Is. 57:19**
7. Patience works to allow you to check up on your commitment to God. **Matt. 6:33**

*\*Don't be so absorbed in your fight that you become slack in the work of the Kingdom of God!*

### **B. Understanding Patience Is Characterized By Spiritual Fortitude *Eph. 6:13-14***

*\*Def. Fortitude is the established will to act boldly and daringly to overcome the uncertainty of the present, the pain, and disappointment of the past and to pursue the future depending on God!*

1. Fortitude: The Key To An Exciting Life of Faith. **Is. 40:31**
  - a. Fortitude produces the resolve to succeed in the face of the odds
  - b. Fortitude calls the devil's bluff and puts Heaven on notice you need miracles
  - c. Fortitude rejects all excuses for failure, ignores persecution, and presses forward
  - d. Fortitude accepts the challenge, writes the check that potential must cash
2. What Happens When I Lack Fortitude In Difficult Situations
  - a. I'll follow the path of least resistance and miss incredible opportunities for success!
  - b. I chase demonic decoys and schemes for gain to satisfy my desire for better
  - c. I throw rocks of discouragement at courageous others
  - d. I find myself subconsciously magnifying my problem above God's ability
3. The Fortitude Of Patience Is Developed Through Unwavering Trust In God

*\*As we spend time in prayer and fellowship with God through His Word we grow to trust Him!*

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- a. We Must Trust God's Will – God has my best interest at heart. **Jer. 29:11**
- b. We Must Trust God's Word – the document covenant. **Prov. 4:20-22, 2 Tim. 3:16**
- c. We Must Trust God's Ways – the divine perspectives and approaches. **Is. 55:8**

*\*Because of my relationship with God and my understanding of His faithfulness, I know that I would not be in this state of testing if I couldn't win! 1 Cor. 10:13, Phil. 1:28*

## **Conclusion**

It's time to stand up and stare down your giants (anything that is intimidating) and make a choice to trust that God knows who you are and where you are and He will not fail you or forsake you! Where is God when I am patiently waiting??? Ask David the psalmist... He Is Preparing a Table for Me in the Presence of My Enemies!!!

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Why is patience such a critical part of the faith process?
  2. How can you encourage a Believer who is standing in faith for something that has not manifested yet?
  3. Why are some Believers able to press beyond excuses and the point where others would give up?
  4. Have you ever experienced victory after trusting God in the face of an intimidating situation? If yes, share.
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