

Message Series Group Discussion

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Series	Patience: How Hard Can It Be?
Sermon/Date	“Patience With God” - June 5, 2022
Main Idea/Summary	God calls us to patient endurance in the space between our current suffering and the coming of the Kingdom of God.
Scriptures	Revelation 1: 8-9; Revelation 6: 9-10; Psalm 6: 3; Psalm 13: 1-3; Habakkuk 1: 1-4; James 5: 10; II Peter 3: 8-12, 15; Revelation 22: 7-8, 12-14, 17, 20

QUESTIONS	
About God	Reread Revelation 1: 8-9, 6: 9-10 and Habakkuk 1: 1-4 Why do you think people get impatient for God to act in the face of suffering and injustice? What do you wish you could see God doing right now, in your own life or in your community or the world?. Brett said “God’s waiting to act is for everyone’s good.” How does that impact you?
About Me	Brett described the difference between complaint (talking to someone who can’t actually help you, as an act of entitlement) and lament (an act of trust in expressing your sorrows to God). The writers of the Psalms (see above) often expressed their laments to God. Are there things you have been complaining about instead of entrusting to God? What laments do you need to express to God? Consider using the psalms as a model.
Community	We are to be one another’s companions in suffering, kingdom and patient endurance. (Revelation 1:8) How have you seen this lived out in your own life, church, and community? How would you like to see it lived out?
Mission	God promises to reconcile the world to himself, to bring heaven to earth. He is “patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish.” (II Peter 3 :9) “Whoever is thirsty, let him take the free gift of the water of life.” (Rev. 22:17) Do you know anyone who needs to hear this message? What are some practical ways you can share this hope with them?
Action	“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.” God calls us to work in the waiting, and be holy in the waiting...to reflect the character of God when the world isn’t what we want it to be. Does this call for any changes in your life?

God, we live in a world filled with suffering and injustice. We confess that we have often interpreted this as you neglecting to do your job. We have failed to realize who you are, and that one day you will reconcile all things. In the waiting, we pray that we will have eyes to see where you are at work, and that we will be your agents of change where you call us. We pray that we will not lose heart, but live as holy examples in a fallen world. Your kingdom come, your will be done. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen