

GOD—inheriting eternal life. Think of how many times you turned away from the truth, and now multiply that number you come up with by how many billion people there are on this earth! God sent His own son to die for all of those people (Jn. 3:16), He has given means to fulfill every need of man in order to be saved. God, at the cost of His only son, imparts mercy to man. And He remains in waiting with his arms out-stretched. God is the father seen in the parable of the prodigal son, when he saw His son returning, he ran to him, embracing him! This is how God reacts to a new soul today as well. He does not pack up and move on, but that is exactly what man does. But instead, He is longsuffering, patient, perfect in all His ways, and He awaits man to return to Him. One's mind cannot help but continue to think, "if I was in the position of God, what would the difference be?" There is a very simple answer, it would have been unrecognizably worse. Without the patience and forgiveness of the Lord, all of mankind would be wholly lost. One ought to be thankful for the blessing of forgiveness, the blessing of the cleansing of sins. No man can live a life without sin and no man can forgive his own sin. This is why it is such a blessing that there is forgiveness in Christ and that God is faithful, patient, and just to forgive (1 Jn. 1:9).

You May Not,...But you Can

By: Randy Cook

- You may not be able to write a best-selling book, but if you have a pen and paper you can write encouraging words that can change a life.
- You may not be able to preach to an assembly of thousands, but you can share Jesus with a friend.
- You may not be able to do mission work in dangerous locations, but you can go next door to your neighbor.
- You may not be able to feed 5,000, but you can feed someone in need.
- You may not be called upon to lay down your life for a friend, but you can lay down your phone and be a friend to someone who needs one.
- You may not be able to heal the sick, but you can encourage those who are bearing great burdens.
- You may not be able to walk on water, but you can give a cool drink to someone who is thirsty.
- You may not be able to bring about social reform, but you can be a positive influence on social media.
- You may not be able to build a skyscraper, but you can build up a small child and make him feel important.
- You may not be able to prolong the life of the elderly, but you can help the elderly have a better life.
- You may not be able to clean up this sinful world, but you can help clean a house, a yard, or a car.
- You may not be able to bring the world to Jesus, but you can pray that the world will come to Jesus.
- You may not be able to drive out demons, but you can drive a friend to the doctor, or to the store, or to church.
- You may not be able to slay Goliath, but you can help a friend overcome a giant problem in his or her life.
- You may not be able to help the blind to see, but you can by your example help people see Jesus more clearly.
- You may never be in the world's spotlight, but you can be a shining light in your world.

UPDATES

Request from the Elders:

Please wear masks during services and maintain social distancing.

Read through the New Testament in September Schedule:

Monday

Luke 11-19

Tuesday

Luke 20-John 4

Wednesday

John 5-13

Thursday

John 14-21

Friday

Acts 1-9

Saturday

Acts 10-18

Sunday

Acts 19-27

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The God of Patience —Collin Matheny

One thing undoubtedly seen all through the inspired scriptures is the fact that God is a God of patience. Ever since the beginning of the human race man has turned away from God. This is seen of the people at the time of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and king David; even at the time of Christ. People turn aside from the path laid out by God all too easily, with no consideration for their souls. Yet where is God in all of this? He is where He always has been and will be, waiting patiently for those that would come to him. Look at 2 Peter 3:9 for example, it is written that God is not slow or slack concerning His promise, instead it says "but [He] is longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish" (2 Pet. 3:9). He is long-suffering and patient. Then again, one must be patient in order to deal with the many problems of man; there is none better suited for the part. God loves His creation, and because of that love He provides a way of salvation to all those who seek to follow the lead of Christ. Is there any man or any other being in the universe that can even marginally compare to God in all His magnificent qualities? The answer is clearly no, it is literally impossible for any man or being to match God except God himself. There are so many examples where people demonstrate patience, but they fall short. No matter who the man, everyone has embarrassing examples of when they thought themselves truly patient only to be awoken by the disappointing fact that they are not perfect in their patience. Perfect patience describes only one being, that being is God. If any man were confronted by the same things that confront God, that man would turn away and leave evil to rot. But God, even though confronted by the failures of man seemingly constantly, does not turn away His Matheny 2 face. Instead, He stands with arms wide open awaiting the time when even one soul may come to Him—**GOD**

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IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS...

Logan and Tanner (Toothman) Rose—Recently Married, live beside the Coles
PO Box 312, Fairview, WV 26570

Brenda Kuhn—Several tests being ran at the Cleveland Clinic
3693 Daybrook Road, Fairview, WV 26570

Dave Howard—Ronnie McCord’s Brother-in-Law, diagnosed with cancer
87 Miracle Run Road, Fairview, WV 26570

Shirley Clelland—Hopes to be out soon
PO Box 162, Fairview, WV 26570

Dennis Straight—Appreciates your prayers
PO Box 71, Fairview, WV 26570

Brandi Bane—Battling Breast Cancer
PO Box 106, Grant Town, WV 26574

Oneita Opyoke—Hoping to be out
3659 Crossroads Road, Fairview, WV 26570

Rose Boggs—Unable to be out
924 Robinson Run Road, Rivesville, WV 26588

Kate Wells—Unable to be out
PO Box 174, Fairview, WV 26570

Aldene Efaw—Unable to be out
PO Box 237, Fairview, WV 26570

Sermon Notes

**Pantry Item
of the Week
Any Canned
Good**

**Wednesday Night
Bible Study**

**Titus
Chapter 2**

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