

The Waiting Room p. 2

Patient in Affliction

1. Make it Stop: How can the story of Job help us understand the value of being patient during times of suffering?

2. Joy and Suffering: Romans 12:12 encourages us to be "joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." How can maintaining joy in times of hope help us during periods of affliction?

3. The Crown of Life: James 1 mentions receiving the crown of life for those who stand the test. What does this "crown" represent to you, and how does it motivate you during tough times?

4. Getting Rocked: The quote from Charles Spurgeon, "I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages," suggests that trials can deepen our faith. Can you share a personal experience where a trial has strengthened your relationship with God?

5. Inheritance of Promises: Hebrews 6 talks about inheriting promises through faith and patience. What are some promises from God that require us to demonstrate patience?

6. Job's Integrity: Despite extreme trials, Job maintained his integrity. Discuss why maintaining integrity might be challenging during afflictions and how we might overcome those challenges.

7. Understanding God's Purposes: "We seek to change our circumstances, but God seeks to change us." Discuss how this perspective shifts your view on personal trials.

8. The Foolish Woman: Job 2:10 asks a great question. Why is this such a great question?

9. The Value of the Valley: Billy Graham said, "Mountaintops are for views and inspiration, but fruit is grown in the valleys." How does this perspective change your view of enduring tough times or 'valleys' in life?

10. Delight in Delay: The statement "We can delight in the delay if we trust the wait will be worth it" suggests a positive aspect to waiting. How can one cultivate such trust and delight in God's timing?

My prayer for tonight has been that we reflect deeply on our personal experiences with faith, patience, and affliction, and consider how waiting in the middle of suffering and affliction can lead to spiritual growth and deeper reliance on God.

Bonus: This Sunday I'm preaching on being Faithful in Prayer: What role does prayer play in maintaining patience during affliction?