

## ***All Saints' Cathedral Kampala***

***Sunday sermon 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016***

***Topic: Continuing in Faith, Patience and Endurance [Ref. Romans 5:1-5]***

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### **Definition of FAITH.**

The best definition of this word is not found in the dictionary, it is in the Bible and well articulated in Hebrews 11:1;

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

Faith is a bird that feels dawn breaking and sings while it is still dark. - **Rabindranath Tagore**

The Psalmist says;

"For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is but for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night but joy comes with the morning."

"Faith is not the belief that God will do what you want. It is the belief that God will do what is right." — **Max Lucado**

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." — **Corrie ten Boom**

Faith is a grand cathedral, with divinely pictured windows - standing without, you can see no glory, nor can you imagine any, but standing within every ray of light reveals a harmony of unspeakable splendors. - **Nathaniel Hawthorne**

The antidote to frustration is a calm faith, not in your own cleverness, or in hard toil, but in God's guidance. - **Norman Vincent Peale**

Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His Word and taking the next step. - **Joni Erickson Tada**

## ***PATIENCE:***

Definition: The ability or willingness to suppress restlessness or annoyance when confronted with delay.

Synonyms include: Bearing, Calmness, composure, cool, diligence, endurance, forbearance, humility, serenity, submission, tolerance, yielding.

This takes a big portion of the fruit of the Spirit (*Galatians 5:22*) and there is a clear sense that achieving this attribute eliminates **corrupt** tendencies.

"One minute of patience, ten years of peace." ~ **Greek proverb**

"One moment of patience may ward off great disaster. One moment of impatience may ruin a whole life." ~ **Chinese Proverb**

"Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet." ~ **Jean-Jacques Rousseau**

"Have patience, my friend, have patience; For Rome wasn't built in a day! You wear yourself out for nothing In many and many a way! Why are you nervous and fretty When things do not move along fast; Why let yourself get excited Over things that will soon be past?" ~ **Gertrude Tooley Buckingham, "Patience"**

"Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs..." ~ **Leonardo da Vinci**

"Learn the art of patience. Apply discipline to your thoughts when they become anxious over the outcome of a goal. Impatience breeds anxiety, fear, discouragement and failure. Patience creates confidence, decisiveness, and a rational outlook, which eventually leads to success." ~ **Brian Adams**

"Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience." ~ **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." ~ **John Quincy Adams**

"Never cut a tree down in the wintertime. Never make a negative decision in the low time. Never make your most important decisions when you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient. The storm will pass. The spring will come." ~ **Robert H. Schuller**

Proverbs 10:25;

"When the tempest passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous is established forever."

"It is easier to find men who will volunteer to die, than to find those who are willing to endure pain with patience." ~ **Julius Caesar**

"Have patience with all things, But, first of all with yourself." ~ **Saint Francis de Sales**

"Sometimes things aren't clear right away. That's where you need to be patient and persevere and see where things lead." ~ **Mary Pierce**

"Only those who have patience to do simple things perfectly ever acquire the skill to do difficult things easily." ~ **James J. Corbett**

### ***ENDURANCE:***

Quite often interchanged with Perseverance in definition and it has synonyms similar to those of Patience.

Romans 5:4 & 5;

"... and endurance produces character, and character produces **hope**, and **hope** does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

*To persevere in one's duty and be silent, is the best answer to calumny.-*  
**George Washington**

*"Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody."* **Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.**

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