

FAITH PLEASES GOD

Family Devotion – Lesson 17

MEMORY VERSE – PSALM 37:7

“Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him”

- To rest in the Lord means to trust Him. It means to patiently wait for Him to work something out.
- PATIENCE takes FAITH. Quite often we like to take matters into our own hands when trouble comes.
- *“So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your **patience** and **faith** in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:”* (2 Thes. 1:4)
- When we rest in the Lord and wait for Him to work things out:
 - Things will go according to God’s will and timing.
 - God gets the glory.
 - Our faith grows.
 - Our patience grows.
 - We don’t mess things up and get frustrated.
- When we are impatient we get ahead of God’s will. An example of this was when Abraham and Sarah did not wait long enough to have a son together. They decided to get ahead of God’s timing and have a son through Sarah’s handmaid, Hagar. This caused big problems.
- Sometimes God makes us wait on certain things because we are not ready. This gives Him time to develop us and prepare us for His will. Be patient!



QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Have you ever gotten ahead of God and done something you regretted? Explain.
- What is the most frustrating thing about waiting?
- How do you think God’s word helps us to wait on Him?



PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for being patient with you.
- Ask God to help you with your patience and faith.
- Ask God to help you grow spiritually while you wait.



CHALLENGE

- The next time you are impatient with something, think of three things that God wants to learn by waiting.