

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day

The book of Philippians
Work Out Your Own Salvation...



Let Patience Work!

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The Christian life can be very challenging. Due to the many obstacles and trials Christians encounter, we need to “let patience work.”

James wrote the following about the need to let patience work: “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:2-4). Notice the statement: “let patience have her perfect work.”

James informs Christians that we need patience when facing various kinds of trials. “Patience” means “endurance.” Christians may have to cope with the criticism of non-Christians, financial loss, family problems, failing health, and many other trials. Patience is the virtue needed in such times.

The passage teaches that Christians must “let patience have her perfect work.” If we do this, then we will be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” This sounds appealing, so how do we let patience work? First, consider that we do not let patience work when we hinder or interrupt the process of enduring trials. When facing challenges, we may feel tempted to panic. Sometimes people try to run from problems, and escape through drug abuse and alcohol. Others may turn to illicit relationships with the opposite sex to find comfort. However, turning to these things to escape problems only creates more problems.

What, then, is the solution? How does one allow “patience to have her perfect work”? There are three basic things we can do to let patience work: 1) Do not try to squirm out of trials. Since trials present an opportunity to grow, we should face them. Rather than running from problems, the psalmist wrote: “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth” (Psalm 46:10). Just be still; 2) Trust that God will work things out in His own time. Trials will not last forever. Rather, than rushing God, we should be patient, listen, and learn lessons as life is happening (James 1:19); 3) We should pray that God would use this trial to make us stronger. Prayer is an act of submission, showing that the one praying relies on God (James 1:6-7).

By remaining calm, trusting God, and praying to God, one allows patience to work. After patience completes her work, then one will be “perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” So, in trials, let patience work!

Announcements

Alisal Weekly

1. **Romans Class This Wednesday at 6:30 pm** - Chapters 15 & 16 #3
2. **Wednesday Invitation** - Paul
3. **Today**- Class, Worship starting at 9:00am. We would Love to see you here.

Announcements - Paul
Song Leader - Kerry
Opening Prayer - Charles
Lord's Table - Jordan
Preaching - Paul
Closing Prayer - Kerry

SERVING TODAY...



Prayer List

1. **Judy McCollum** - for healing of her ankle and knee from a fall.
2. **Don Blackwell** - for continued enthusiasm for the Lord's work
3. **Norma Decker** - for better health and determination to be with us.
4. **Charles Barry** - for relief and healing of chest and lung congestion.
- 5 **Beverly Pereira** - for improved health as well as a stronger desire to attend
6. **Path Star** - for recovery for her shoulder injury and hip replacement complications.

What have you done to Grow Spiritually?

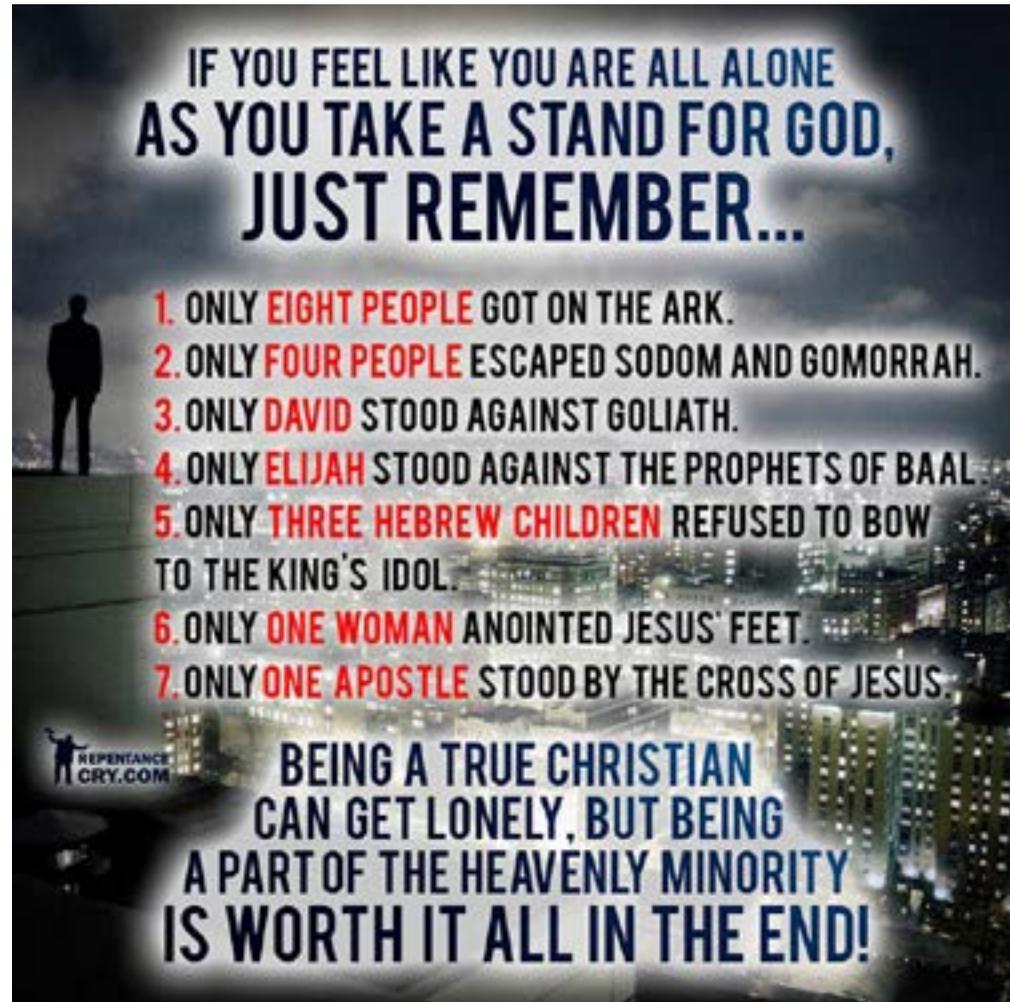
We are praying for you!

A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else — your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters — yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple." —

Luke 14:25-27

Thought:

To receive the gift of salvation is the greatest blessing any of us could receive. However, such a great blessing also comes at a high cost. Jesus died to give us this gift. To share in the new life of salvation, he calls on us to join him in his death, burial, and resurrection. When we die with Christ in baptism, we are also putting to death the old selfish person of sin and offering ourselves to God. Jesus becomes our highest love and greatest priority. We serve him first and trust that he will bless us with what we need. Jesus and his Kingdom become our highest passion.



**IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE ALL ALONE
AS YOU TAKE A STAND FOR GOD,
JUST REMEMBER...**

- 1. ONLY EIGHT PEOPLE** GOT ON THE ARK.
- 2. ONLY FOUR PEOPLE** ESCAPED SODOM AND GOMORRAH.
- 3. ONLY DAVID** STOOD AGAINST GOLIATH.
- 4. ONLY ELIJAH** STOOD AGAINST THE PROPHETS OF BAAL.
- 5. ONLY THREE HEBREW CHILDREN** REFUSED TO BOW TO THE KING'S IDOL.
- 6. ONLY ONE WOMAN** ANOINTED JESUS' FEET.
- 7. ONLY ONE APOSTLE** STOOD BY THE CROSS OF JESUS.

**BEING A TRUE CHRISTIAN
CAN GET LONELY, BUT BEING
A PART OF THE HEAVENLY MINORITY
IS WORTH IT ALL IN THE END!**

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How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Hebrews 2:3



Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am Class - 10:00 Worship

Wednesday Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:30 pm

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