

## Inspirational Thought—8-29-2024—Duff Gorle

Dear Friend,

### **PATIENCE (WITH GOD)!**

Perhaps you can identify with a spiritual problem I sometimes experience. When I'm struggling and there is a situation in my life or the life of a loved one where I desperately desire an intervention from God, I tend to beg the Lord for two things:

1. Salvation—for things to be made right in the situation, and
2. Relief from the struggle.

What happens when God does not immediately intervene and save me or my loved one from the evil, dark, undesirable situation? I've been known to begin looking for ways that I can solve the situation myself!

A difficult struggle we've been facing for some time brought me to my knees. God seemed slow to intervene or solve the situation. I found myself suggesting to God the idea that I was considering "fasting" every day until salvation came to this situation (but no pressure, Lord—feel free to stay on your all-wise, all-good timeline!).

David wrote in Psalm 40:1 (NIV): *"I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry."*

What if we could learn, as David wrote, to wait patiently for the LORD? What if we could ask for relief and then thank God for the trial, all in the same breath?

Maybe we've been struggling with something for quite some time, and we're waiting in faith for Divine intervention—for God to answer our prayers. Let's remember that God hears our cries and will answer our prayers. God knows our struggles and God knows the good that will come as we patiently wait through the struggle.

We can ask God for patience and thank the Lord for doing only what is good, including allowing the wait.

We think we know what is best, but really, God does.

With love,

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