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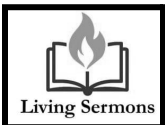
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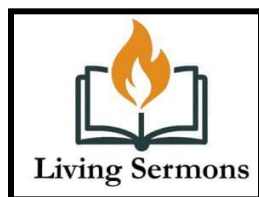
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Foreword

At the heart of this sermon is a revelation many believers struggle to fully embrace: that God's patience is not fragile, conditional, or exhausted by human weakness. It is perfect. Unbroken. Unrushed. And deeply intentional.

What makes this truth so necessary is not merely theological clarity, but spiritual freedom. Countless believers live as though every mistake moves them closer to divine rejection. As though God is tolerant for a while, but eventually runs out of room for human failure. That assumption, though often unspoken, produces a life of hesitation before God—prayer without confidence, worship with uncertainty, obedience shadowed by fear.

Through the unfolding of Scripture and redemptive history, we are reminded that God has never been reactive in His dealings with humanity. From Genesis to Revelation, His patience is not delay—it is design. Every generation, every covenant, every prophetic movement, and ultimately the coming of Christ, reveals a God who is not struggling to keep up with man's failures, but sovereignly working through them to accomplish redemption.

As you journey through these pages, you will find more than teaching. You will encounter a steady unfolding of assurance: that your life is held within the patience of God, not the impatience of men; that your growth is secured not by your speed, but by His faithfulness; and that what He has begun in you, He is both willing and able to complete.

May this book remove every lingering fear that God is weary of you.

— ***Wisdom Epsi***
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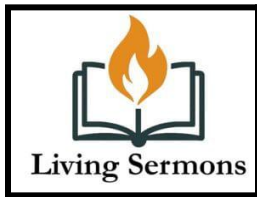
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Preface

This message unveils a liberating truth often overlooked in the believer's walk: the perfect patience of God. In it, the preacher draws our attention away from fear-driven Christianity and into the assurance of God's unwavering grace, revealed through Christ Jesus.



The Lie Of Walking On Eggshells Before God

I want to talk to you for just a few moments about something that can literally set you free to live the abundant life that you and I as believers in Jesus Christ have been called to live. Because the enemy would have it so that you and I are so worried and concerned that maybe God has had just about enough of us. That we have messed up too many times. That we have made too many mistakes.

That 2013 was too bad for God to be able to use us in 2014. The enemy wants us just enough so that we do not understand and realise the breadth, the depth, the height, and the length of God's patience towards us. He knows that as long as you and I are walking on eggshells in our relationship with God—nervous, afraid, and scared that if we just say one more thing or do one more thing wrong, or miss God one more time—God might have had enough of us... and this might be the time He puts us on the shelf and never uses us again for His glory.

The enemy knows that as long as you are walking on eggshells, you will never experience what John 10:10 declares is available for God's children: **abundant life**. You cannot live abundantly when you are afraid. So a revelation of the patience of God toward you can set you free. When you fully understand that His grace is sufficient for you—no matter where you have been, what you have done, how bad last year was, or the mistakes of the last ten or twenty years—the slate has been wiped clean.

My friend, forgetting those things which are behind us, we press on.

The Patience Of God: An Often-Overlooked Truth

I want to talk about the patience of God. It is a simple characteristic of God that we do not often hear much about. We do not read much about it. We consider it every now and then. But I have not heard very many specific teachings directed at the patience of God.

Most often, when we think about the power of God, we think about how it is demonstrated. We think of the Old Testament—how God caused the walls of Jericho to fall. Or how He parted the Red Sea. Or in the New Testament, how He raised Lazarus from the dead.

But I want you tonight to consider the flip side of the coin of God's power. Because God's power is not only seen in what He does. God's power is also seen in what He chooses not to do. God's power is not only seen in what He releases. It is also seen in how He restrains Himself from giving us what we rightfully deserve.

That takes power.

God Does Not Grow Frustrated Like We Do

Think about a toddler, a teenager, a spouse, or a friend who keeps asking the same question over and over again. The fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth time—you have given the same answer.

It is so easy for us to become impatient and frustrated. But God does not grow frustrated like we do. He does not have knee-jerk reactions born out of impatience. It does not matter what you do—you cannot wear God out. He does not need a nap before He can handle what is going on in your life.

He is God.

Everything you need, God already is.

God Uses Waiting To Form Patience In Us

Most of the time, we are impatient people. And I will tell on myself—I am generally an impatient person. I like solutions quickly. Let us fix it and move on. But for impatient people like me, God trains us in patience by placing us in scenarios where we have to wait.

He allows situations that stretch us. Even in marriage. In my case, I can have a solution within five minutes. It may not be a good solution, but it is a solution. But my husband takes time—he thinks, prays, fasts, sleeps on it, seeks counsel. Sometimes 24, 48, or 72 hours later, he comes back with a solution... and most of the time, it is the same solution I had in five minutes.

But he is patient enough to think through consequences. And through that, God is training patience in me.

You Cannot Wear God Out

The reason you sit next to that co-worker who pushes you to the edge is because God is developing patience in you. Since patience must be matured and honed in the soul of a human being, we often assume God must also grow in patience. We think we can outdo His patience by our actions. But we cannot wear God out. The essence of all patience was ever meant to be—God already is. He is completely perfect in His patience.

The Perfect Patience Of God

All of God's attributes—His omniscience, omnipresence, sovereignty, holiness—are all perfectly held together. But central to all of them is His patience. Because if it were not for the patience of God, we would not exist long enough to experience His grace and mercy. It is because He is patient toward us that we get to experience Him. Exodus 34 declares that He is great in power and **slow to anger**.

His grace is sufficient for you. He is not through with you. You cannot wear God out.

1 Timothy 1: The Demonstration Of Perfect Patience

One of the clearest places in Scripture where God's patience is revealed is in **1 Timothy 1:16 (KJV)**:

“Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.”

Paul says God demonstrated His **perfect patience** in him.

Not partial patience. Not limited patience. But perfect patience.

Meaning there is no imperfection in it. Even at its furthest extent—you will never find a limit.

Paul: A Living Demonstration Of Grace

Paul is saying, “If you are wondering whether God's patience has limits, look at me.”

He calls himself the foremost of sinners. He is basically saying: *You have not done anything I have not done. You have not gone anywhere I have not been.*

And yet, God saved him. If God could reach into Paul's deepest pit and pull him out, then He can handle your life. Paul is a living demonstration of extravagant grace and boundless patience.

“For this reason...”

Whenever you see “therefore,” you must see what it is there for. Paul is pointing to reasons that explain God's patience. The first reason is simple:

Christ Jesus Came To Save Sinners

This is a trustworthy statement—Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

And Paul says, “I am chief.”

He is overwhelmed that God saved him. Think about it—He knew us, fully, and still chose to make a way for relationship with us. He does not need us. Yet He chose us. That alone should move us to gratitude.

Salvation Is A Miracle Of Patience

The fact that you are saved is a miracle. The fact that you were born in this generation, at this time, hearing the gospel, is a miracle. Out of billions of people, God orchestrated generations so that you would be here. That is not chance. That is divine strategy. Even your existence is proof of God’s patience and purpose.

There has been a battle for your soul since before time began. It is like a cosmic chessboard. From Eden, through Noah, Abraham, Moses, Israel, captivity, and deliverance—God has continually moved to redeem humanity. Even when the enemy makes a move, God responds again and again.

And He is still moving today. The children of God finally came into the promised land—the place that represented the power, provision, and favour of God. The land flowing with milk and honey. But the enemy was not done yet.

He made another move and caused sin and rebellion to enter into the hearts of God’s people again. And God’s people turned their backs on the one true God and began to worship idols. By the end of the Book of Judges, the final line declares: *“Everyone was doing what was right in their own eyes.”*

It almost sounds like America in 2014. But God, not to be outdone, had another move. Her name was Ruth.

Ruth had chaos in her life, struggle at the forefront of her story. But in time, she meets Boaz—her kinsman redeemer. And Ruth and Boaz come together, and they have a son named Obed. Obed gives birth to Jesse. Jesse gives birth to David.

And with that move, the enemy does not even realise it yet—but checkmate is already on the way.

400 Years Of Silence... And A New Move

The Old Testament closes. And for 400 years there is silence between the Old and New Testament. God is on one side of the cosmic chessboard. The enemy is on the other. All of history is waiting to see who will make the next move. Then the New Testament opens. And Jesus Christ enters. It is the move the enemy has never been able to respond to. And He did that for you.

Paul brings up salvation in **1 Timothy 1:15** as a reason for God’s patience. Because if God had enough patience to orchestrate events across millennia, then surely He has your life covered. If He could align generations, nations, and redemptive history—then He has the last six weeks of your life covered. There is nothing you and I could ever do that could wear God out.

He was patient enough to save you—therefore He is patient enough to sustain you.

“Formerly” — The Second Reason

The second reason is found in verse 13:

Paul says:

“Even though I was formerly a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and a violent aggressor, yet I was shown mercy...”

He uses one word that carries weight: **formerly**. This is who I was—but it is not who I am anymore.

God's Patience Saves & Transforms

The proof of God's patience is not only that He saved me. It is that He changed me. That I am not the same person I used to be. When I look in the mirror now, I do not see the same woman I saw years ago. She thinks differently. She walks differently. She desires differently.

Not because she changed herself—but because when God lives in you, He does the deep work of transformation.

The Holy Spirit Lives In You

The greatest gift you will ever receive is the Holy Spirit of God. At the moment you accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour, the Holy Spirit took up residence in you. He is not a ghost, wind, fire, or dove—though He is symbolised by these.

He is the third Person of the Trinity. Fully God. Fully present. Fully active. And He lives in you. That is good news.

The Work Of Sanctification

One of the Holy Spirit's primary purposes is sanctification. That is the process of being shaped into the image of Christ. And it is not easy work. Trying to change yourself is exhausting—and temporary. But lasting change must come from the inside out, not the outside in. And you cannot do that for yourself.

God does it.

We cooperate with Him—through the Word, prayer, fellowship, and obedience to the Holy Spirit. But His assignment is clear: to make you like Jesus. That is His work in you.

And His best work is in changing God's people. So Paul says: God is patient enough not only to save you—but to change you.

People may leave you while you are still becoming. Some relationships do not last long enough to see your transformation. But God will never leave you nor forsake you. He stays with you while you change.

The Popcorn Principle: Change From The Inside Out

Have you ever wondered how popcorn pops?

Inside every kernel is a microscopic drop of water. When heat is applied, that water turns into steam. Pressure builds. And eventually—it pops.

The outside changes because of what is happening inside. That is how God works in your life. He heats up His work inside you—through prayer, the Word, fellowship—and pressure builds until one day you “pop.”

And you no longer look like who you used to be.

The Potential Inside You

Before popcorn pops, you never know what is inside. And in the same way, you may not yet see what God has placed inside you. But as you yield to the Holy Spirit, that potential is released. He changes you from the inside out.

The final reason is found in **1 Timothy 1:12**:

“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me...”

Paul says: He strengthened me.

He saved me—justification.

He changed me—sanctification.

He strengthens me—fortification.

Everything you need to become who God has called you to be, He provides strength for. There is nothing coming in your life that God has not already prepared you to handle.

The joy of the Lord is your strength. He is your strength. He is your sustainer. He is your help. From Genesis to Revelation, God reveals Himself as everything His people will ever need:

- In Genesis, He is the Breath of Life
- In Exodus, the Passover Lamb
- In Leviticus, our High Priest
- In Numbers, the Fire by Night
- In Deuteronomy, Israel's Guide
- In Joshua, Salvation's Choice
- In Judges, Israel's Judge
- In Ruth, our Kinsman Redeemer
- In Samuel, the Trusted Prophet
- In Kings and Chronicles, Sovereign King
- In Ezra, the Faithful Scribe
- In Nehemiah, the Rebuilder of lives
- In Esther, our Courage
- In Job, the Timeless Redeemer
- In Psalms, our Morning Song
- In Proverbs, our Wisdom
- In Ecclesiastes, our Time and Season
- In Isaiah, the Prince of Peace
- In Jeremiah, the Weeping Prophet
- In Daniel, the Stranger in the Fire
- In Jonah, the Great Missionary
- In Micah, the Promise of Peace
- In Malachi, the Sun of Righteousness

And in the New Testament:

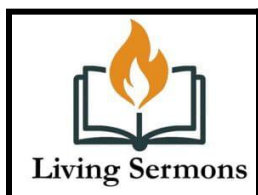
- In the Gospels, He is the Messiah
- In Acts, the Raining Fire
- In Romans, Grace Himself
- In Corinthians, the Power of Love
- In Galatians, Freedom from sin
- In Ephesians, Glorious Treasure
- In Philippians, Servant Heart
- In Colossians, the Fullness of Deity
- In Thessalonians, Coming King
- In Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, Mediator and Shepherd
- In Hebrews, Everlasting Courage
- In James, Healer
- In Peter, Faithful Shepherd
- In John and Jude, the Coming Bridegroom
- In Revelation, the First and the Last

The Alpha and Omega.

The Beginning and the End.

The Soon Coming King.

Amen.

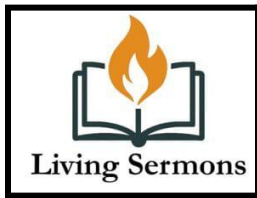


About the Speaker

Priscilla Shirer is a renowned Bible teacher, author, and conference speaker with a global influence in Christian ministry. She is widely recognised for her clear, Spirit-led teaching of Scripture and her ability to communicate deep biblical truths in a way that is both practical and transformational. Through her ministry, she has helped countless believers develop a stronger relationship with God and a deeper understanding of His Word.

As the daughter of Tony Evans, Priscilla Shirer was raised in a Christ-centred environment that shaped her passion for teaching the Scriptures. She serves through Going Beyond Ministries, where she equips believers—particularly women—to study the Word of God with depth and confidence. Her teachings often focus on spiritual growth, identity in Christ, and living a victorious Christian life through faith and obedience.

In addition to her teaching ministry, she is a bestselling author and has been featured in faith-based films such as War Room, where her role further amplified her message on the power of prayer. Across conferences, books, and digital platforms, Priscilla Shirer continues to be a strong voice calling believers to intimacy with God, steadfast faith, and unwavering commitment to truth.



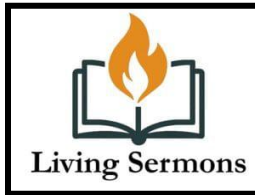
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