



desert breeze community church

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Jesusology

(Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ)

Mark 5:21-43 **"Staying Power"**

Impatience is a sign of unbelief. It happens when I start to question the wisdom of God's timing, the goodness of God's guidance, or the power of God's management of my life.

Makrothumia (Patience)

(Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 4:2; Col. 1:11, 3:12; 2 Tim. 4:2)

Definition: Ability to suffer trouble without _____ or _____.

Opposite: _____ toward God and/or others.

Counterfeit: _____. "This is too small to be bothered about."

Patience is a sign of inner strength. Impatient people are weak people who are dependent upon external supports – like people, things or circumstances that go just right or go their way or don't in any way interfere with their plans.

I will develop staying power (won't blow up or give up) to the degree I believe that God's delays and denials are for my good and His glory.

Mark 5:21-43

1) **God's Delays & Denials Are for my Good and His Glory:**

- God's sense of schedule will always _____.
- God's sense of strategy will always _____.
- If I insist on imposing my _____ and _____ on God rarely will I feel loved by Him and it will be mostly my fault.

(God's Wisdom: Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33-36; 1 Cor. 13:12)

2) **God's Delays & Denials Are for My Good and His Glory:**

- God's _____ reverses the world's values.
- God will always _____ from you and _____ to you far more than you ask.
- _____ is pride assuming you know better than God how your circumstances should go.

(God's Work: Ps. 139; Jer. 29:11; Phil. 1:6; Rom. 8:28; Gen. 50:20)

3) **God's Delays & Denials Are for My Good and His Glory:**

- Proximity is not the same as reaching out and _____ by faith
- God's glory and my good (satisfaction) are mutually inclusive endeavors and can be _____ regardless of my circumstances.
- God is the _____ who takes us by the hand and leads us through the most difficult times. (V41)
- Why would you want to _____ someone who loves you like this? He knows what He is doing and loves you completely.

(Our Waiting: Ps. 25:3, 5, 21, 27:14, 130:5-6; Isa. 40:31; Lam. 3:25-26)



Growing

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1) Would people consider you to be a patient person? In what ways do you see impatience in your life (both in small and big situations)? Define patience, it's opposite and counterfeit?

2) Read Mark 5:21-43. What do you think was going through the mind of Jairus when Jesus delayed on His way to healing his daughter? How do you think this woman was feeling at Jesus' response? What will happen if I impose my schedule and strategy on God?

3) Compare and contrast Jairus with the woman. How is God's grace in this story a reversal of the world's values? How did they both give and get far more than they asked for? How is worry a sign of pride?

4) Proximity is not the same as reaching out and touching Jesus by faith. Explain. How can God's glory and my good (satisfaction) both be achieved regardless of my circumstances? What does inordinate anxiety, anger or depression secondary to my circumstance signal?

5) How is God in this story the ultimate parent who takes us by the hand and leads us through the most difficult times? What area of your life are you needing Jesus to take you by the hand and lead you? Ask Him.