

ENDURANCE STRENGTHENS OUR CHARACTER AND CONFIDENCE IN OUR SALVATION

The Waiting Game: Week 2

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ROMANS 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, ***we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*** Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of **undeserved privilege** where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

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I DESERVE...

- The bible says we've been brought to a place of UNDESERVED PRIVELEGE
- What do we deserve?
- DESERVE means "I am ENTITLED to..."
- Did Jesus get what he deserved?

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IF JESUS DIDN'T GET WHAT HE DESERVED -
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU'LL GET
WHAT YOU DESERVED IF YOU FOLLOW HIM.

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I DESERVE...

- Understanding inheritance
- Credits and Debts
- You cannot only get the positive you deserve, you must also get the negative you deserve
- Do you REALLY want what you deserve?

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ROMANS 5:3-4

We can rejoice, too, **when we *run into* problems and trials**, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And **endurance develops strength of character**, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

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STRENGTH OF CHARACTER

- Why is developing the strength of your character so important?
- Do most people pray for God to strengthen their character?
- What does God use to strengthen character?

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PASTOR SUNDAY ADELAJA

Nigerian pastor in the Ukraine



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STRENGTH OF CHARACTER

- “Character is what holds you up when everything else fails”
- “It is not wise to run and rush for blessings because if you are not ready they can be a trap which will bring discomfort and disgrace to you”
- What happens when God blesses you?

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EXODUS 32

When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.”

So Aaron said, “Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me.”

All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a

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calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!”

The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.

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⁷ The Lord told Moses, “Quick! Go down the mountain! Your people whom you brought from the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.⁸ How quickly they have turned away from the way I commanded them to live! They have melted down gold and made a calf, and they have bowed down and sacrificed to it. They are saying, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

⁹ Then the Lord said, “I have seen how stubborn and rebellious these people are. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so my fierce anger can blaze against them, and I will destroy them. Then I will make you, Moses, into a great nation.”

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But Moses tried to pacify the Lord his God. “O Lord!” he said. “Why are you so angry with your own people whom you brought from the land of Egypt with such great power and such a strong hand? 12 Why let the Egyptians say, ‘Their God rescued them with the evil intention of slaughtering them in the mountains and wiping them from the face of the earth?’ Turn away from your fierce anger. Change your mind about this terrible disaster you have threatened against your people! Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.[a] You bound yourself with an oath to them, saying, ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven.

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And I will give them all of this land that I have promised to your descendants, and they will possess it forever.” So the Lord changed his mind about the terrible disaster he had threatened to bring on his people.

15 Then Moses turned and went down the mountain. He held in his hands the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant.[b] They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. 16 These tablets were God’s work; the words on them were written by God himself.

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EXODUS 32

17 When Joshua heard the boisterous noise of the people shouting below them, he exclaimed to Moses, “It sounds like war in the camp!”

But Moses replied, “No, it’s not a shout of victory nor the wailing of defeat. I hear the sound of a celebration.”

19 When they came near the camp, Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and he burned with anger. He threw the stone tablets to the ground, smashing them at the foot of the mountain. 20 He took the calf they had made and burned it. Then he ground it into powder, threw it into the water, and forced the people to drink it.

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21 Finally, he turned to Aaron and demanded, “What did these people do to you to make you bring such terrible sin upon them?”

“Don’t get so upset, my lord,” Aaron replied. “You yourself know how evil these people are. 23 They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.’ 24 So I told them, ‘Whoever has gold jewelry, take it off.’ When they brought it to me, I simply threw it into the fire—and out came this calf!”

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Moses saw that Aaron had let the people get completely out of control, much to the amusement of their enemies.

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STRENGTH OF CHARACTER

- If we don't have character then we will respond to circumstances and not the unchanging stance of the Lord
- What does God use to build character?
- **ENDURANCE**

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**DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE
GOD IS TAKING TOO LONG?**

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CONFIDENCE IN SALVATION

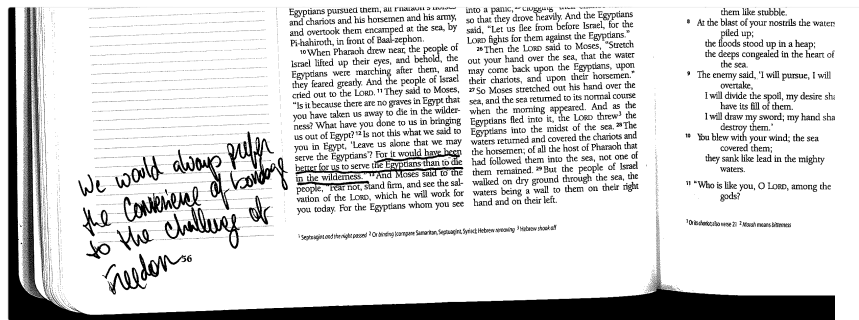
- What does this phrase mean? Why is it important?
- Literally this word means **HOPE**
- Comes from the root word **ANTICIPATION**
- It means that when we have a strong character then the circumstances don't change what we believe is coming

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THE DEVIL ?'S CONFIDENCE

- How does the Devil work?
- He makes us question our confidence
- We can withstand questioning if we have strength of character, which comes from endurance, which comes from trials, which is why we should have joy

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WHEN YOU FACE TRIALS
you understand that God is prepping something special

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**FREEDOM IN CHRIST IS
YIELDING RIGHTS WHILE
ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY**

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ROMANS 5:5

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

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ARE YOU FULL OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT?

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ROMANS 5:6-8

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. **But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.**

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ROMANS 5:9-10

And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.

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ROMANS 5:11

So now **we can rejoice** in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.



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CLOSING STATEMENT

- No trial that we can go through is greater than the hope we have in what Jesus has already overcome. Don't give up - because if you do - then you will miss out on what God has been preparing and trying to make happen.

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When God said “Let
there be light.” -

**What language was
he speaking?**



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