



James 4:8

WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Drawing Near to God

## Learning Patience


by Ross Fink

**N**ancy and I began self-quarantine on March 2. Frankly, we have had enough. Someone once said, "Patience is a virtue, possess it if you can. Found seldom in a woman, never in a man." That just about sums us up. Of all the Bible characters who could have been chosen, it is Job who scripture refers to as our example for suffering and patience (James 5:10-11). Perhaps it is because in spite of his affliction he is never seen accusing God. True patience is best observed in one who is afflicted. It is much easier to be patient when everything is going well. We are currently engaged in a battle of an enemy we cannot see. As a result, many of us are having our patience tested. We are just tired of the whole thing. I don't

know about you but I find myself feeling like a caged gerbil running on one of those wheels. Today is much like yesterday and tomorrow's plans are much like today's. It is hard to be patient, isn't it? We want a solution and we want it now. This is not a political statement but I



have had about all I want of the White House daily briefings. I'm tired of all the talk. Our leaders continue to tell us that the answer to avoiding COVID 19 is to stay home and avoid people. That is a recipe for unhappiness for most of us. That said, we must use common sense as

failure to do so could cause others to suffer. So, like it or not, we wait. And while we wait the temptation is there to point fingers and act selfishly and unruly. The real answer is renewed strength that comes from God and empowers us to be shining lights in a troubled world. It will take patience but we can do this. What better time than now to reflect the faith and trust we have in God? 

***"As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful."***  
**James 5:10-11**

**AM Sermon: Nobody is Too Big To Fail (Luke22:54-62)**  
**PM Sermon: PM Service Cancelled Until Further Notice**

# Quotables



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**“Right is right even if everyone is against it. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is for it.”** —*William Penn*

**“Whatever people may think of you, do that which you believe to be right. Be alike indifferent to censure or praise.”**

—*Pythagoras*

**“The fear of doing right is the grand treason in times of danger.”**

—*Henry Ward Beecher*

**“Opportunity is frequently overlooked because it disguises itself as work.”**

—*Anonymous*

## Westside Family News... (send news to [durhamchuk@aol.com](mailto:durhamchuk@aol.com))

### Prayer List:

**Parker Family** (family issues); **Kat Deuster and boys** (continued stability); **Kellye Hardin** (for improvement)

**Shut-Ins:** **Bill Lundy;**  
**Nadine Poteete;** **Darl Feagin**

### General Family Info:

**Tabitha Hudspeth** is back at the Beatty's. She has been released from the oncologist as "cancer free!" We give great thanks to God for healing her! Keep **Jennifer Bean** in your prayers. **Tim & Wendi Cheatham** will be moving to Dallas about a year from now (Tim is there

already). Tim has accepted a job with Michael's home office. **Peyton** will finish her Senior year and graduate in May 2021. We rejoice in the Lord answering our prayers for Tim's landing a good job. Continue in prayer for **Sue Nabors** (Jim's mother), who is in rehab in Conway and doing some better. We express our sympathy to **Riley Barker** at the death of her grandfather, **Morton Barker**. Her grandmother Barker passed away in February. Please keep Riley and her family in your prayers. Her home address during Covid19 is: **1185 Eastern Hills Dr., Greenwood, AR 72936**

**Due to the Covid19 out-**

**break: Sunday AM Worship services** are Live-streamed on our Facebook page and then available to watch on Westside's YouTube page, Facebook, or Westside's website. **Chuck's** videos are posted for **Wednesday's Study on Genesis 12-50**. There were two videos this past week and both are available for viewing. For the study on **May 6**, please read **Gen. chs. 28-31**. Questions will be sent to your Directory email address on Sunday evenings. **Ken Ledbetter** will finish his class on **2 Peter and Jude** today, **May 3**. He will cover **2 Peter 3:14-18 and Jude 19-25**.