

Message Notes | Mastermind

Part 4: God Can Wait

2 Peter 3:8-15

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→ today's lie:

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how you handle what's _____.**

→ the most common way to drift – **2 Peter 3:3-4**

**#2 _____ can create a false sense of
heightened urgency.**

→ what is urgent today may one day melt away - **vs. 8-11**

**#3 Balance the urgency of _____ you're _____
with the importance of _____ you're _____.**

→ God's patience sends a message - **vs. 12-15**

#4 God's patience means _____.

Truth Declarations:

Group Questions | Mastermind

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1. Share a time when you thought, "*This can wait...*" but you were totally wrong.
2. Do you find it a struggle to take care of the things that are urgent while not neglecting the things that are important?

How might this tension between the urgent and the important change based on your season of life?
3. Your faith is so important that it affects how you handle the urgent things in life. Share some personal or scriptural examples of how this is true.
4. Read **2 Peter 3:3**. The path to wandering from faith often begins with a desire so strong that a person is willing to deconstruct their view of God so that they are free to pursue the desire. How can we prepare young people to face this challenge?
5. Read **2 Peter 3:10-11**. What will happen to the many "urgent" things that can consume a person's earthly life? What's one thing from this past week that would have felt a little less urgent if you had kept this in mind?
6. There may be times in your life when you wrestle with whether or not to pursue an opportunity. Explain how the scriptural truth summarized in fill-in #3 can provide guidance in those times.
7. How is your balance of taking care of the urgent while not neglecting what's important? What's one way you can bring more balance this week?

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#4 God's patience means we shouldn't wait.

Truth Declarations:

Bible Reading for Today

2 Peter 3:8-15

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. ¹⁵ Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation.