

# A Warriors Guide to Life's Battles



## Patience 1 Samuel 19 onwards

### 1 Samuel 19 : 28 - 29

Some battles we face are dealt with quickly and decisively. Other battles take months, years, and even decades. It is these protracted battles that wear on us and can steal our joy.

But David understood that patience was an actual weapon, or strategy, that was crucial to walking in the timing of the Lord and bringing the victory when God desired it.

**Q : Do you think that some of the battles we face in life are actually un-winnable, even as believers?**

**Q : Why are some challenges we face in life vastly more complex than others? What, in your opinion, is some of the most complex challenges we face in life?**

### 1 Samuel 24 : 3 - 7 ; James 3 : 7 - 11 ; Romans 12 : 17 - 21

There is a huge temptation to jump the gun and try to make things happen in our own strength. This can happen through what we say or what we do.

**Q : Why is it harder to control the tongue when we are frustrated or impatient? What generally is the outcome when we speak out of frustration or impatience?**

### 2 Samuel 5 : 17 - 25

David had learnt the practice of patience and waiting on God before moving or acting. This was a powerful skill as a warrior.

**Q : How do you personally discern when it is time to take action on something versus being still and waiting on God?**

### Breaking it down.

A. Focusing on \_\_\_\_\_ strengthens our ability to exercise patience .  
[Romans 5 : 1-5]

**Q : According to Romans 5 : 1 - 5 which comes first - patience or hope in the promise? What are the implications of this?**

B. A healthy \_\_\_\_\_ enables us to walk in a greater level of patience.

**Q : What is a painful “jumping the gun” instead of waiting experience you have had in your life? How has it impacted you in your decision making process today?**

C. Godly use of the \_\_\_\_\_ helps us to walk in patience. [Luke 19 : 12 - 27]

**Q : What do you think Jesus means when he tells us to “occupy till he comes” in the passage from Luke 19?**

## **THIS WEEKS PRAYER FOCUS**

### **A church of Unity and Community**

*22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

*John 17*

### **A church filled with the breath of God**

*17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

*2 Corinthians 3*

### **A church strong in the word**

*25 Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*

*Ephesians 5*

### **A church where our people are effective in sharing the good news where ever they are**

*36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

*Matthew 9*

### **A church where people are released into their ministries and gifting**

*11 Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. 12 Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. 13 This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.*

*Ephesians 5 : 11 - 13*

### **A church of healing for the spirit, soul, and body**

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

*Luke 4*

### **A church of young people (children, youth, young adults)**

*"Then, after doing all those things,  
I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
Your old men will dream dreams,  
and your young men will see visions.*

*Joel 2 : 28*

### **A church where the ministers are anointed and flowing in their gifting.**

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