

Volume 1, Day 4 — THE PATIENCE OF FAITH

“Because thou hast kept the word of My patience.” — Revelation 3:10

Patience is more than endurance. A saint's life is in the hands of God like a bow and arrow in the hands of an archer. God is aiming at something the saint cannot see, and He stretches and strains, and every now and again the saint says - "I cannot stand any more." God does not listen. He goes on stretching till His purpose is in sight, then He lets fly. Trust yourself in God's hands. For what do you need patience for just now? Maintain your relationship to Jesus Christ by the patience of faith. "Though He slay me, yet will I wait for Him."

Faith is not a pathetic sentiment, but robust vigorous confidence built on the fact that God is holy love. You cannot see Him just now. You cannot understand what He is doing. But you know Him. Shipwreck occurs where there is not that mental poise which comes from being established on the eternal truth that God is holy love. Faith is the heroic effort of your life when you fling yourself in reckless confidence on God.

God has ventured all in Jesus Christ to save us. Now He wants us to venture our all in abandoned confidence in Him. There are spots where that faith has not worked in us yet, places untouched by the life of God. There were none of those spots in Jesus Christ's life, and there are to be none in ours. "This is life eternal, that they might know You." The real meaning of eternal life is a life that can face anything it has to face without wavering. If we take this view, life becomes one great romance, a glorious opportunity for seeing marvelous things all the time. God is disciplining us to get us into this central place of power.

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