



And this gospel of the **kingdom**  
will be *preached* in all the **world**.  
MATTHEW 24:14

## Untested Faith is Untrusted Faith

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### Summary

In Hebrews 6:12-20 God made an oath to man so that man would never have to wonder if His promises were true or not. We never have to wonder because it is impossible for God to lie! Jesus is the hope and the anchor of the promise being manifested! If the promise is not being manifest in our lives, it is only because we haven't patiently endured! We often give up right on the brink of the promise being manifested! David right at the end began to waver. He was tired of running from Saul so he drew back. But then the Bible says that David encouraged himself in the Lord. How many of us would give up at that point? When we aren't seeing the manifestation in our lives, we often start looking outside factors as to why we're not experiencing it! We start making excuses. Want to blame others. We've got to get to the point where when we are at a place where we are not seeing manifestation, we look at ourselves and realize that it is because of a lack of faith and patience. We have to make up our minds that nothing will take us off course. The Bible says that faith without works is dead. What is works? It is corresponding actions. Doing what we believe. We need to keep standing with what we believe. All of us have been given the measure of faith. It's either your faith is undeveloped or your patience is undeveloped. We've thought that it is through trials and testings that we get patience. That is not true. It is through our trials and tests that our patience begins to be developed. It's by using what God has taught you in the middle of your trial and test that you grow! We don't learn by circumstances, we learn by the Word of God. When God speaks about trials and testings, we must never look at it as our way to learn. God wants us to go through the test because by going through it we conquer the devil! It is the Word of God that teaches us. The enemy has designed the trials to put pressure on you to take you away from that Word! The Word is designed to go into your Spirit so that it works on the Word and manifests in your life. There is a process in between. The enemy wants to take us off of that process. While you're working on it, he brings more of that trial and keeps on attacking! The easiest thing in the flesh is to go off of that Word and say it isn't working. No patience. We need to be like Paul and refuse to give up! It's not what you're going through, it's where you're going to. It's when we realize that truth that we won't give up. We want God to deliver us from the situation. When you know that God has made a promise to you does it matter if you're in it or not? He will never leave us nor forsake us. When we pass the test, then faith is developed. Romans 5: 1-4 says that faith comes with tribulation. We can't short circuit the process. It cannot be manifested in our lives without going through the process. Like it says in James 1:2-4, we must let patience have her perfect work. The easiest thing is to give up. It's most comfortable. But it's not what God wants. He wants you to endure so that you can receive the promise. In due season you will reap if you don't give up!

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- A. God Made A Promise to Abraham – Hebrews 6:12-20
    - a. He made an oath to man so man would have no strife.
      - i. So that man would never have to wonder if His promises are true or not.
      - ii. This is what upholds the oath of God; it is impossible for God to lie.
    - b. The purpose of Jesus was for you & I.

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- i. The very ascension of Jesus Christ was for us!
    - ii. He is sitting there behind the veil, He is the hope and the anchor of the promise manifested!
    - iii. He is speaking about a promise that God made available to you and I.
  - c. Jesus is the anchor.
    - i. It holds our promise secure.
    - ii. He qualified us to be owners of the promise! So that the promise that God gave to us could be manifest!
- B. If the Promise Is Not Being Manifest in our Lives, it is Only Because We Haven't Patiently Endured
  - a. It is often on the brink of it that we give up.
    - i. David right at the end began to waver.
    - ii. He was tired of running from Saul and so he drew back. When he got back everything had been taken. He cried until he had no tears to cry anymore.
    - iii. Then it says that he encouraged himself in the Lord.
    - iv. How many of us would give up at that point? How many of us have that ability to encourage ourselves in the Lord in spite of it?
  - b. There is something that sets David apart.
    - i. He keeps the main thing the main thing.
    - ii. He doesn't get distracted when he's at his lowest. He's more distracted at his peak. When he's at his lowest point he makes the main thing the main thing.
    - iii. David was not a prideful man. When we are at our lowest point you start looking for why you are there. That is pride. When you don't see manifestation, you start looking outside to see why you're not seeing it.
    - iv. You've got to get to the point where when you are at a place where you are not seeing manifestation, you look at yourself and realize that it is because of a lack of faith and patience. That is the key to it.
    - v. It doesn't mean that everyone else is right. It means that the wrong in others doesn't affect what you have to do. If my husband is wrong, it's not going to take me off my course so that I can obtain the promise.
- C. We Have to Make Up Our Minds That Nothing is Going to Take Us Off Course
  - a. We're going to have the strength, the character, the virtue, the patience to keep us on course.
  - b. After all you are going to continue to stand.
  - c. It's not just faith. Its faith and patience.
    - i. The quality of patience becomes just as important as faith.
    - ii. The Bible says that faith without works is dead. What is works? Corresponding actions. Doing what you believe. Keep standing with what you believe. When you're sick, go to church. If you believe you're healed, then you'll come to church! That's where the manifestation will happen! That's your corresponding action then if you're sick. It takes endurance to come to church when you're not well. That's works! Those works require patience and endurance! We have to develop that quality of patience.
- D. God Loves Us All the Same But He Doesn't Trust Us All The Same
  - a. God will never manifest to that person that He doesn't trust.
  - b. God is a just God.
  - c. He doesn't test you by not giving to you.

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- i. The laws of God are set into place that when you find yourself in disobedience, you will not be able to receive from Him.
  - ii. God's not holding Himself back from you, you are holding yourself back from receiving from God.
  - d. We have to endure.
  - e. The static that comes in, put it aside. Make the main thing the main thing.
  - f. It is you!
    - i. At the end of the day when you fail to receive the promise from God, it is a lack of faith and patience. It is you.
    - ii. God will never say that it's your husband.
    - iii. We justify why we don't manifest. You think this church can stop you from receiving from God? That's how much this church is stronger than God.
    - iv. It's not where you are, who you're with or the people around you. It has to do with your faith and your patience.
    - v. Give people the slack. Release people. You are not dependant on people. God has promised and He will deliver. No one can interfere with that. You are the only person that can block that promise from manifesting.
- E. All of Us Have Been Given the Measure of Faith
- a. It's either your faith is undeveloped or your patience is undeveloped.
  - b. We need to look at ourselves and see which one needs to be developed.
  - c. Some of us have so much patience but no faith.
  - d. We are in need of endurance; of patience. We all need that quality to be developed.
- F. The Other Side of it is to Think That Our Tough Times Gives Us Patience
- a. We've thought that it is through trials and testings that we get patience.
    - i. Without the trials and the testings there's no patience.
    - ii. That's not true. We all have patience. It is a Fruit of the Spirit. We all have the Fruit of the Spirit.
    - iii. We think that we have to go through hard times to get patience. That quality has to be developed like every fruit.
    - iv. It is through your trial and test that your patience begins to be developed. It is not making it grow.
    - v. By you using the Word and doing what you've been taught, you grow! It's by using by what God has taught you in the middle of your trial and test that you grow!
  - b. Untested Faith is Untrusted Faith.
    - i. If your faith is not tested, you cannot trust your faith.
    - ii. The full testing of your faith requires patience and endurance. It requires the Fruit of the Spirit.
  - c. We don't learn by circumstances, we learn by the Word of God.
    - i. There are some people that make a lot of mistakes and still haven't learned.
    - ii. They keep making the same mistakes.
    - iii. You can learn things from your mistakes but your mistakes are not to teach you.
    - iv. They are not designed to make you learn by God. He doesn't use evil to teach you.
  - d. God has designed us to learn from His Word.
    - i. His Word teaches us to profit. His Word is sent to heal us.

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- ii. The fall of Adam caused sin to come in and death. Those things are designed to lead you to death.
  - iii. The experiences in your life aren't designed to teach you.
  - iv. When God speaks about trials and testings, we must never look at it as our way to learn.
  - v. We are taking His Word and it's changing us.
  - vi. The enemy brings the trials and test in.
  - vii. God wants us to go through the test because by going through it we conquer the devil! The purpose of Jesus was to destroy the works of the devil!
- G. It Is The Word of God That Gives Us Our Faith
- a. The enemy has designed the trials to put pressure on you to take you away from that Word!
  - b. The Word is designed to go into your Spirit so that it works on the Word and manifests in your life.
  - c. There is a process in between.
    - i. We live in such an instant world. But there is a process!
    - ii. The enemy wants to come into that process! While you're working on it, he brings more of that trial and keeps on attacking!
    - iii. The easiest thing in the flesh is to go off of that Word and say it isn't working. No patience.
    - iv. You're going by your feelings.
  - d. When the trial comes to you, you do not move! You keep standing. That's patience. The patience of the Bible is sticking with your sameness. I will not be moved. You keep believing!
- H. The Life of Paul is an Example For Us of Endurance
- a. He endured so much!
  - b. We need to be like Paul and refuse to give up!
  - c. We forget the story to the glory! Paul had faith & patience.
  - d. How many of us would give up? We start questioning what we heard. We start questioning the promises. We have to lay a hold of what God has given to us!
- I. We Must Not Judge Each Other
- a. It's all based in love.
  - b. We can't look at each other and look at each other's problems.
  - c. We each have our own fight. They are different.
  - d. It's the tempting of the devil to distance us.
  - e. We need to encourage each other in the Lord! Help each other! No man is an island. We need each other. Each joint supplying. So that we can grow up into Him together. The devil is trying to pull us apart.
- J. It's Not What You're Going Through, it's Where You're Going To
- a. That's when you know that you won't give up.
  - b. All of the Old Testament writings were for us.
    - i. The Hebrew boys in the fire. Why did He allow them to go into the fire? Why did Daniel have to go into the lion's den?
  - c. We want God to deliver us from the situation. When you know that God has made a promise to you does it matter if you're in it or not? He will never leave us nor forsake us.
  - d. We need to qualify how we pray now.
    - i. That's why we can say count it all joy. It's our true test. God will deliver us. We can endure no matter how bad it gets.

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- e. That's the trying of your faith. The trying of your faith has to do with endurance. Are you going to endure?
  - f. When you pass the test, then faith is developed. Do you think you develop your faith just by reading?
- K. Faith Comes With Tribulation – Romans 5:1-4
- a. Faith without tribulation is only half.
  - b. I glory in that tribulation knowing that tribulation worketh patience and patience experience and experience hope.
    - i. There is a process. You can't short circuit it.
  - c. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. If it hasn't manifested yet, you do still require hope!
  - d. It cannot be manifested in your life without going through the process. Faith & patience. Speak the Word. You stand and you stand.
- L. We Must Let Patience Have Her Perfect Work – James 1:2-4
- a. The process again! Go through the whole process.
  - b. The truest understanding of patience can only be understood by how hard the circumstances are.
    - i. Even if this takes 20 years, I will not stop! I am prepared to do this until I die!
- M. The Heroes of Faith – Hebrews 11
- a. The Bible says that they died without inheriting the promise.
    - i. Jesus Christ was the promise made to them.
  - b. Have the attitude that even if it's my children that inherit it, I will keep standing.
  - c. Until you're prepared to die something, you are not living for it.
  - d. The easiest thing is to give up. It's most comfortable.
    - i. It's not what God wants. He wants you to endure so that you can receive the promise.
    - ii. Don't give up on the brink! Don't be distracted! Don't be moved based by your relationships.
    - iii. In due season you will reap if you don't give up!

### Scripture References:

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- James 1:13
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