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## Roamin' In Romans Romans Chapter 12

### Romans 12:12 - Patient in Tribulation

Message preached on Wednesday, April 30th and Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

#### 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

Last week we began in Romans 12:12 with three directions that we need to operate in...

- 1.) Rejoice (back up and get another load) in HOPE (expectation/confidence).  
Go over "A Couple Extra Verses" from above.

#### Patient in Tribulation

LET'S START with the last first...

**"Tribulation"** – pressure, persecution, tribulation, trouble, burdened down

This is defining the place where we need to be patient in...when the pressure hits...when the trials come.

**NOTE:** This is a different term, overall, from the one we find in James, but it really means the same things...temptations, tests and trials.

**QUESTION:** What do we do when the pressure hits?

**ANSWER:** Be patient.

I find it interesting that when Matthew 24 is defining when Jesus returns...and the GREAT TRIBULATION...he uses this word.

**IN OTHER WORDS:** This is some pressure. This is when things are not going right.

It isn't the GREAT TRIBULATION...but it is tribulation.

**QUESTION:** You want to stay around and experience the GREAT tribulation?

**ANSWER:** Nope! So give your life to Christ today!

I mean, if you are struggling during was is considered only tribulation...you want to make sure you are OUT OF HERE for the GREAT tribulation.

#### How about another picture of this word:

John 16:21 – "A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, **she remembereth no more the anguish**, for joy that a man is born into the world."

Contractions of birth!

**HERE IS A COOL THING:** What is the point about birth? The contractions?  
The rest of the verse: You don't remember anymore because of your baby!

**UNDERSTAND:** When we understand the place of tribulations/pressure...we can see them as places we need to BACK UP AND GET ANOTHER LOAD of joy! Because what is coming is going to be AMAZING!

John 16:33 – “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the **world ye shall have tribulation**: but **be of good cheer**; I have overcome the world.”

The promise is coming!

Mark 4:17 – (seed sown on stony ground) “And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, **when affliction** or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.”

**RECOGNIZE** why affliction comes...to steal the Word...**to take your harvest!**

**We MUST** lay down our flesh and renew our mind...so we are able to stay PATIENT in the middle of pressure and tribulations.

**NOW:** What are we suppose to do in the middle of this pressure/tribulation/burden?

**“Patient”** – is the root of the word patient in James 1:3 (constancy); but that same application can be made here.

**DEFINITION:** to endure, to stay, to have fortitude.

**REMEMBER:** The picture we have in James 1:3 is to be constant...don't quit...keep doing what you've been doing!

Think of Mark and the seed – does the farmer quit because it is dry? Nope! You water it.

Think of a mother in labor – does she quit because of the pain? Nope! Keep pushing!

**NOTE:** For nine months you listened to the doctor...don't stop now!

This WORD is basically telling us to stick with it...don't quit. Endure.

***Don't stop listening to the Word NOW!***

Hebrews 10:32 ,33

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, **after ye were illuminated**, ye **endured** a great fight of **afflictions**;

33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and **afflictions**; and partly, whilst ye became **companions** of them that were so used.

**(AMP)** - “Sometimes being yourselves a gazingstock, publicly exposed to insults *and* abuse and distress, and **sometimes claiming fellowship and making common cause with others who were so treated.**”

**NOTE:** It doesn't stop there

Hebrews 10:35-39

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36 For ye have need of **patience**, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38 Now **the just shall live by faith**: but **if any man draw back**, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them **who draw back unto perdition**; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Hebrews 12:2 – tells us Jesus ENDURED the cross. Didn't fluctuate!

James 1:12 – “Blessed (supremely blessed, fortunate, well off, happy) is the man that **endureth temptation**: for when he is tried, he shall **receive the crown of life**, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

**NOTE:** Many think this only has to do with HEAVEN.  
But this literally means awards...rewards of ZOE!

1 Corinthians 9:24 – “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.”  
RUN...don't quit.

Philippians 3:12-14

- 12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
- 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

**BELOVED:** When you are in the middle of battles...struggles.  
Keep running! Keep pushing! Keep watering! Don't quit.