**BELIEVE SERIES : PATIENCE**

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**BELIEVE SERIES GRAPHIC WITH TITLE AND KEY IDEA**

1. **God is our patience role-model.**

***Psalm 86:15***

*But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.*

***2 Peter 3:9***

*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.*

1. **Patience Has Several Looks**
2. **Everyday Patience.**

***Proverbs 14:29***

*A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly.*

***Galatians 5:22-23***

*22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,* ***forbearance****, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control.*

***James 1:19-20***

*19My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.*

1. **Enduring Patience.**

***James 5***

*10Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

***Romans 5:3***

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

***Hebrews 10:35-36***

*So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised*

1. **Engaging Patience.**

***Ephesians 2:8-10***

*8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God’s handiwork,* ***created in Christ Jesus to do good works****, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

1. **What Now?**