

Waiting patiently



Born in 1880, Helen Keller fell ill at the age of two and was struck blind, deaf and mute. Despite this, through the help of a friend and teacher Anne Sullivan, she learned to communicate and became one of the 20th Century's leading humanitarians and an inspiration to thousands of people. Asked what she'd learned in life, she said, "We could never learn to be brave and patient if there were only joy in the world."

The difficulties we face drive us to God's grace and help form the most valuable qualities.

Hebrews 6:15 – "After waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised."

Abraham, given a staggering promise in late life, well after the birth of a child was physically possible in Sarah's case, believed the promise of God for a decade and a half before it was fulfilled.

Hebrews 6:12 – We are urged to "not be sluggish, but be imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit promises."

The quality of a true believer's faith is that it lasts. Patiently waiting is an expression of our confidence in God's faithfulness to fulfill His word.

Thank you Lord for your word. Give me the faith to treat the promises you have given me as certain and sure.