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GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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Someone once said to me:

"With you, it's all-or-nothing, isn't it?"

And at the time, I thought:

Yeah...and what's wrong with that?

So I'm all-or-nothing.

That's good, right?

I mean...

it means I'm excited.

it means I'm passionate.

it means I'm all-in.

Those are godly character traits, right?

But the more I thought about it,

the more I realized that my "all-or-nothing"

really wasn't all that great.

In fact, it wasn't great at all!

Wait...what? Why?

Because God,

the One whom I'm called to be like,

the One who I really *want* to be like,

He's *not* all-or-nothing.

God doesn't say,

"All your heart, right here, right now or forget it."

God doesn't say,

"All the areas where you need to grow, right here, right now or forget it."

No, instead...

God woos. God calls.

God walks alongside.

God slowly and patiently changes me

from the inside out.

And for that...I am truly grateful.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails." I Corinthians 13:4-8a NIV

"The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love." Psalm 145:8 NIV

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work

until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 1:6 NLT