

WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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

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“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 trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 NIV

Patient. Kind. Filled with hope.

These are just a few of words the apostle Paul uses to describe love:
God's love. Perfect love.

And I look at my life...and my love...
and sometimes I see patience.
and sometimes I see kindness.
and sometimes I see unfailing hope.

But other times I see impatience,
and unkindness, and total despair.

And that's when I'm reminded that
me...on my own...
I can't love the way God can.
Only God can!

And anytime my love comes even remotely close to His, I know it's all Him!

And the times when my loves fails miserably? I know it's all me.

And so I have a choice.
I can make it about me,
patting myself on the back for the times I love "correctly"
and beating myself up for the times I don't.
Or...I can remember that it's *all about Him* anyway!

I can choose to rejoice when God's love flows through me,
knowing *He* is bringing myself and others closer to Him,
And I can choose to repent when I fail,
knowing He is using *even that* to bring me and others into a closer relationship with Him.

And so the choice is mine.
And the choice is yours.

Whose love are *you* loving with today?

Already been impatient?
Treated someone rudely?
Blown up before the day barely started?

Repent. Let it go. Move on.

God is waiting to pour out His love,
His unfailing, unconditional love,
to you and *through* you today.

DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER:

Baptism Sunday—Join us this Sunday, December 8, as we celebrate with those who are taking the next step of obedience in their faith journey with Jesus through water baptism!

Prayer Walk—Join us on *Saturday, December 14*, at 9:45 am as we walk, talk, pray and share the love of Jesus with the people of our community.

Christmas Eve Service—Join us on Tuesday, December 24, at 7 pm for our Christmas Eve Service!

Praise & Testimony Night—Join us on Sunday, December 29, at 5 pm for a special Desserts-only Christmas Edition of our Praise & Testimony Night. Come for an evening of fellowship and praise to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as we share some of the awesome things God has been doing in our lives!

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