

## FF EPISODE 30 – EMPOWERED ENDURANCE

Today, we're going to look at a word that is a hard word, maybe not something we wish for to make our lives easy, but I think you're gonna love this word by the time we're done. It's a very important word describing the endurance which the LORD our God gives us now and will continue to give us until the return of Christ.

Rom 5:2-5 tribulation worketh patience. *Thlipsis* (tribulation, afflictions, mental pressure) brings about *hupomonē*

to work out, bring about, accomplish, effect, be the cause or author of.

a remaining behind or under.

endurance, to bear up under, the patience of hope, which has faith and hope for its basis.

What does that mean? Rom 8:18 summarizes it perfectly. I believe this verse applies to our regular human sufferings of struggle to make a living, sickness, disasters for some, emotional pain in relationships. We know the Bible says, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." The K of G is when the king comes back to reign on earth. Our life plans now are in light of the coming kingdom and our role in it now and when it fully arrives. Meanwhile, we pursue our life plans, too. When we are resurrected or transfigured into our new, glorious bodies, there will be no more struggle for survival. No unrest in our souls. No separation from God.

It also applies to suffering for the name of Christ. For Christians in the USA our sufferings in life or for Christ now are very real and affect us deeply. In Iran and Afghanistan, the church is growing percentage-wise faster than anywhere else. Their life plan is completely ruled by the kingdom, because any day, they know they might have to die for it. At Global Catalytic Ministries, <https://catalyticministries.com/> you can hear their voices. You can financially support this outreach of the persecuted church. In all their sufferings and problems, they are saying, "Lord send me. Lord use me to bring others to you."

If you've been watching the FF end-times course and other episodes or just reading your Bible, you know that the world is heading toward a time when believers everywhere may be called upon to lay down their very lives for the name of Jesus. FF is not saying we're there yet or when we will be there. We're not saying to stop paying your mortgage or providing for your future and your responsibilities and life plans now. But this is why it is so important to understand end-times prophecy and the instructions the Lord Jesus gives us. When we know we are in the final 7-years, our life plans are out the window. The only future we are planning for is to stand before him at his return. Rom 8:18 will take on a whole new meaning and immediacy. Suffering or even death is not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us.

Rom 8:19-25 – The whole creation is groaning and waiting.

Romans told us creation is subject to vanity. Without the perspective of Jesus the Messiah coming back and restoring all things, the existentialist would basically be right. There is no meaning. All is futile. If Christ is not risen, let us eat drink, for tomorrow we die.

Hupomonē patient endurance is connected with faith and hope and love.

Rom 8. "Can you hold out a little longer knowing the glory that will be ours when Jesus Christ returns for us?"

Gen 1:26 tells us God's original plan was for man and woman to have dominion over the earth as His under-ruler, in perfect, open relationship with Him.

Jesus Christ came to die for sins and then be exalted above every name and power.

Eph 1:20-23 The Father will bring that to pass in the fullness of time, and Eph 1:10 tells us, will unite all things in heaven and earth under this dominion of Christ, and we inherit that with him as joint heirs.

Hupomonē patience, endurance, bearing up under is the noun form.

There is a verb form **hupomenō** – to endure. **1 Cor 13:7** Connected with hope and love.

Every day, every week we seek to have God's Word dwell in us and to believe it's promises, so we manifest what God has given us and what He has made us to be in Christ. The evil and corruption of the creation is in opposition to that. We also wrestling against principalities and power and spiritual wickedness from on high. This struggle of our faith against opposition is very precious to God.

1 Peter 1:7

The point is that things can and do happen beyond our control. World events happen. Nations fall into tyranny. Financial cycles happen. Aging happens.

My friend, Ken, has aggressive prostate cancer. Ken goes for treatments a great cancer hospital and they used these advanced immunotherapies and he was doing amazingly well for 2 or 3 years. Then they had to put him on heavy chemo. All this time he meets a lot of people in his practice as an accountant testifying in complex court cases. As he gets to know people, he asks "how can I pray for you?" They know he is sick and he asks to pray for them, and that opens up many doors to witness. When we ask Ken how he's doing, sometimes he says he feels like the 3 guys in the burning fiery furnace who said, "our God is able to deliver us, and even if He doesn't, we won't bow." To me, that's this hupomonē endurance. God will be sooo present with us, that whether we get delivered from some afflictions immediately, or over time or, maybe not at all—that is secondary, because God is with us, strengthening us all through it.

*2 Cor 1:3-7 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.*

says that no matter whether we are experiencing good or bad, we can and do still deliver God's comfort to others.

Col 1:11 – it is something God gives us. It is not of ourselves.

Another really good one is in the parable of the Sower. Which one of the four do you think has hupomonē patience? Some tenfold, some sixtyfold, some a hundredfold.

What have we learned about these words?

- Thlipsis, tribulation brings about hupomonē. James says “count it all joy”
- Goes hand in hand with our hope of Christ's return and builds our hope
- Our God is the God of this patient endurance
- We are strengthened with divine glorious power to have this endurance. It is not our own strength
- Love endures all things
- It produces experience, comfort and fruitfulness

Take a scripture sheet or take a picture of it on your phone and look them all up and make this your own.

Hebrews 12:1-2. Used of us and of the Lord Jesus

Can we bear up under the afflictions if He empowers us to do so. Yes we can!

### Partial list of *hupomonē* endurance as a noun

Luke 8:15 – those who fell on good ground bring forth fruit with patience  
Romans 5:3-4 – tribulation works patience... patience experience...  
Romans 15:4 – patience and comfort of the scriptures...  
Romans 15:5 - ... the God of patience...  
2 Corinthians 1:5-7 – sufferings and consolation of Christ abound in us...enduring the sufferings... Comfort comes when we endure the sufferings  
2 Corinthians 6:4 – approving ourselves as ministers in patience, afflictions...  
2 Corinthians 12:12 – signs of an apostle wrought in patience, signs and wonders  
Colossians 1:11 – strengthened will all might...glorious power... unto patience  
1 Thess. 1:3 – patience of hope  
2 Thess 3:5 – the patient waiting for Christ  
James 1:2-3 – count it all joy... the trying of your faith produces patience.  
James 1:4 – let patience have her perfect work  
Hebrews 12:1 – run with patience the race that is set before us  
Rev. 1:9 – ...the kingdom and **patience** of Jesus Christ...  
Rev. 2:2-3 – I know thy works and thy labor and thy patience...

### Partial list of *hupomenō* to endure as a verb

Matthew 10:22 & 24:13 – he who **endures** to the end shall be saved  
Romans 12:12 – rejoicing in hope, **patient** in tribulation...  
1 Corinthians 13:7 – love hopes all things, **endures** all things...  
2 Tim 2:10 – therefore I **endure** all things for the elect's sake  
2 Tim 2:12 - If **we suffer**, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us  
Hebrews 12:2 - for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross...  
Hebrews 12:3 – him that **endured** such contradiction of sinners...  
Hebrews 12:7 – if **ye endure** chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons...  
James 1:12 - Blessed *is* the man that **endureth** temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life...  
2 Peter 2:20 – used twice – buffeted... **take it patiently**... suffer... **take it patiently**