

Subject: God is Patient! and 2022 Bible studies from First Pres Women
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Hi everyone,

How are you feeling at the start of a new year? On new year's morning, I sat around a table with my family eating breakfast and told them I was going to work on patience this year. My husband choked on his coffee, and my girls looked at each other and laughed. I guess I picked the right thing to work on! Thankfully God is not like me. He has perfect PATIENCE. We can never wear Him out. Whether you started the year with some big goals or you are specifically avoiding goals because that sounds stressful, don't worry! God is going to see us through every mistake this year, every lesson we keep relearning, and He isn't giving up on us:

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display HIS PERFECT PATIENCE as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life." 1 Timothy 1:15-16

"I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with PATIENCE, bearing with one another in love." Eph. 4:1-2

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness but is PATIENT toward you." 2 Peter 3:9

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Please Join a Spring 2022 Bible Study or Group:** Our Bible studies, prayer, and small groups are starting back up, and you can join anytime! Please visit www.firstpres.com/women to see all we have to offer. Reply back with questions or to get more information!
- **Need a 2022 Bible-reading Plan?** [Bible Recap](#) has a lot of us excited, and we want you to jump in! You can find The Bible Recap plan on the YouVersion Bible app many of us already have on our phones (click [here](#)). You can also subscribe to The Bible Recap podcast (click [here](#)). This is a fantastic way to get into the Word of God and read the whole Bible in one year, and you can start anytime! We also have a small group that meets Fridays at noon to discuss Bible Recap. Join us!
- **Save the Date: IF:Gathering March 4-5!** Registration will be up soon, and you won't want to miss this incredible weekend! We will meet at my house to watch the livestream of incredible speakers talking about following God in this difficult season. Lunch and snacks will be provided. [Click here](#) to see speakers and learn more. If you are interested in registering, let me know, and we will have more details soon!

Happy new year! *"Be PATIENT, therefore, [sisters], until the coming of the Lord."* James 5:7.

Trusting God is patiently working for our good this year,

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P.S. Have you started this year feeling a little lost and wandering? Will you please reach out to me? God has a plan for you too, and I would love to help you find peace in it!