

# Who Prayed for Patience?

*Finding joy and growth in the waiting*

## Lesson #2

"Covered Dish Koinoniá

December 8, 2019

### Weekly Readings and Devotionals for December 9 - 14, 2019

#### **Monday, December 9 Read Psalm 72:1-7;18-19**

In an uncertain and often unfair world, we struggle to find peace and security. It's hard to feel secure when we feel overwhelmed by the size of the world and our own insignificance in it. Yet the psalmist reminds us that justice, peace and value are found in God and in God alone. What things bring you peace and contentment this season and where does God fit into that for you? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Tuesday, December 10 Read Isaiah 11:1-10**

Vv. 6-9, in particular, paint a beautiful and idyllic picture. How does this image sum up the deepest desires for all humanity? \_\_\_\_\_

How does our experience with the promised messiah begin to fulfill that desire? \_\_\_\_\_

Look up St. Francis' prayer of peace ("Make me an instrument of thy peace..."). How can God use you to be a taste of this prophecy's fulfillment as Christ dwells in you? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Wednesday, December 11 Read Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptist might seem an unlikely emissary for peace, but true peace often only comes after we have cleared away the clutter that prevents us from seeing the true nature of life and the possibilities we have in God. What "clutter" (of both action and attitude) is John calling for us to clear out? \_\_\_\_\_

How can God help us do this? \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Sermon Notes for "Covered Dish Koinonia" Romans 15:4-13**

- 1. Worship is more about how we share life together than what we do at church.**
- 2. True faithfulness cannot exist outside of community.**

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**Thursday, December 12 Read Romans 15:4-13**

The early Gentile Christians wondered if the promises of Messiah belonged to them as well. So did their Jewish brethren! It was a source of great concern and division in the early church. How does Paul answer these concerns and how do these insights help us in dealing with brothers and sisters with whom we disagree and are different? \_\_\_\_\_

How do such attitudes help share Christ's peace? \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, December 13 Read Isaiah 40:1-11**

Despite what v. 1 says, vv. 6-7 don't seem all that comforting! On the other hand, such a grasp of reality is necessary if we are to see the true good news that is the presence of Jesus. How does this prophecy help us put our life and priorities into proper perspective? \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, December 14 Read Psalm 85:1-2; 8-15**

Reflect on your readings this week as you read this psalm of praise and thanksgiving. How does the very nature of God, as described in this psalm, a source of peace and confidence for you in daily living? \_\_\_\_\_

Discuss this with God in prayer today.

