

# *Be Patient*

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Have you ever been impatient? Have you ever waited a long time for something? I know how you feel. I hate waiting for a month for a game or movie to come out. The makers announce it a long time before it comes out. But God is like that too. He announced Jesus' coming WAY before He came. And then He announced His Son's second coming many years before - He still hasn't come and that was about 2000 years ago.

Even though it has been so long, God wants you to wait and be patient. According to **James 5:8** "*You also be patient. Establish your hearts for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*" See, He wants us to be patient. He doesn't only want us to be patient with Him, He wants us to be patient with others as **I Thessalonians 5:14** says "*Now exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the faint hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.*" Abraham is a good example, right? Well, **Hebrews 6:15** says, "*And so after he (Abraham) endured patiently.*" Also, Jesus patiently endured too. Don't you think that it hurt up there on the cross! But He endured it all for us. He could have summoned all the Heavens to come down and destroy us every one. But He didn't...if He can endure name calling, people making fun of Him, and death, then hopefully you can endure waiting. So next time you want for something, remember that God has made us wait for a lot of things.

Now if only that new game would come out...