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Patience

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.” (2 Peter 3:8)

In his daily devotional, New Morning Mercies, Paul David Tripp writes; *“God cares enough to give ample time for his grace to do its transforming work.”*

When I think about that statement and my journey, I want to shout; “Thank God!” And if you are like me and willing to admit it, you are too.

Where I am now in my journey is certain not where I started, and hopefully it is not where I will end up. It is because of God’s patience and the grace of Christ that I am able to have hope that I will continue in my spiritual maturity. I need patience.

Patience, however, is not an easy attribute to possess and retain. In fact as coaches, I think we are all tested daily in this matter. Players, parents, umpires, and our opponents all provide us with ample opportunities to practice patience.

As coaches with FCA, we are “called” to coach differently. We are called to teach and develop our players on all three levels (fundamentals, psychology, heart). Just like God doesn’t demand instant maturity from us. We shouldn’t demand or expect it from our players. He is willing to teach us needed lessons over and over again, we must to be willing do the same. Whether its offering continued skill correction or modifying a player’s attitude and motivation, we must never quit. We have been given an awesome opportunity by God to showcase His mercy and grace.

Let us remember the mercy and patience offered to us. Let us thank God for the opportunity to share the same attributes with our players.

Questions: Where are you on the patience barometer? How can you and I not be grateful for God’s patience with us?

Challenge: Thank God today for that patience! Allow God to give you time for his mercy and grace to do its work both in you and in your players.

Prayer: Thank you Lord for calling me to coach for your Kingdom! Thank you for the players, coaches, and parents that you have given me. Grant me the patience for others that you have displayed for me.

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