

Love Finds a Home

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Romans 12:3-5

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. James 5:7-9

When Mabel McQueen came to see the doctor she said that the visit had to be confidential. She said her husband didn't think she was sick and that he thought she was lazy. Belinda told her that after having her sixth baby she was anemic. She gave her tonic and said she should eat vegetables.

Mrs. McQueen's husband wouldn't listen to her. Have you ever felt like someone wasn't listening to you?

When Belinda's best friend, Annie, who was also a doctor, came to visit, Belinda was jealous that Annie was expecting a baby. Belinda wanted to be pregnant and believed that her husband was very disappointed in her that it hadn't happened yet. Annie assured her that she was young and healthy and they would have plenty of time to start a family.

Have you ever really wanted something and realized that you needed to relax and be patient?

When Annie experienced sudden pains, Belinda believed that she might have eclampsia. She recommended complete bed rest in a darkened room. When Annie's mother-in-law, Mary, who was an experienced mid-wife arrived she recommended that Annie get up and take a walk. Annie soon felt that she was a pawn between two people she loved who didn't really like each other.

Have you ever felt like you were caught in the middle between the opinions of people that you care about?

When Joshua, the new blacksmith apprentice, wanted to court Lillian, her father had a very difficult time accepting that his daughter was growing up. When Lillian didn't come home at the time her father told her to, she was angry with him for disciplining her. After she had an accident that could have been serious, Joshua helped her understand that her father cared about her and it was important for her to obey him.

Is it easy for you to accept instruction or do you get upset when people try to tell you what to do?

Mary said, "Medicine isn't the only thing that makes people feel better. It's believing that they can be better." When Annie went into convulsions both Mary and Belinda knew that they had to deliver the baby to save its life. When Mary and Belinda were willing to listen to each other they combined Mary's 30 years of experience delivering babies with Belinda's education making them a really good team.

Are you willing to work with others or do you always have to be right?

Belinda had laughed at Mary's advice that she should relax a little if she wanted to have a baby. When she was finally willing to listen to Mary she did conceive. In James 5:7-9 the Bible tells us to be patient and not to grumble against each other. God wants us to listen to each other and work together. Romans 12:4-5 tells us that each of us have different functions but we are all of one body, the Body of Christ.

Do you grumble and complain? Are you willing to be patient and trust that God is working on your behalf?

Dear Lord, help to care about each other. Don't let us think about ourselves more highly than we should, but help us to be humble and patient, willing to forgive each other and work things through together. Give us patience to trust that You are watching over us and will judge all things when the time is right. Bless and keep us for Jesus sake, Amen.