

# Sunday 13 September 2020



You can see God wherever you see love, joy, peace, PATIENCE, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control

*Always be humble and gentle. Be patient and accept each other with love. Ephesians 4:2*

## Read: Healing at the Pool

John 5:1-9

Later Jesus went to Jerusalem for a special Jewish feast. In Jerusalem there is a pool with five covered porches. In the Jewish language it is called Bethesda. This pool is near the Sheep Gate. Many sick people were lying on the porches beside the pool. Some were blind, some were crippled, and some were paralysed and they waited for the water to move. Sometimes an angel of the Lord came down to the pool and stirred up the water. After the angel did this, the first person to go into the pool was healed from any sickness he had]. There was a man lying there who had been sick for 38 years. Jesus saw the man and knew that he had been sick for a very long time. So Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be well?" The sick man answered, "Sir, there is no one to help me get into the pool when the water starts moving. I try to be the first one into the water. But when I try, someone else always goes in before I can." Then Jesus said, "Stand up. Pick up your mat and walk." And immediately the man was well. He picked up his mat and began to walk. The day all this happened was a Sabbath day.

How would you feel if you were the man who had waited 38 years to be able to walk again?

**Patience:** is being able to wait with a cheerful and calm heart for something you really want now. But patience is more than that, patience is demonstrated when we make allowance for each other's faults. It is getting along with others (even people that aren't easy to get along with) and loving them even when they make mistakes. God shows us this. He is SO patient with us when we mess up time and time again.

## Prayer:

Today, we wait with courage.  
Today we think of the time that it takes  
for us to be still, for us to listen,  
for us to hear and to receive. **Amen.**

**That was the year that was** - 38 years is a long time ago. It would mean the man stopped walking in 1982. You might like to create a timeline of major events over the last 38 years or look at what happened in 1982 see page 2 and compare it to today.

## To think about:

When do we have to be patient in life?

Can you think of a time?

Do you find it easy?

Why is it sometimes better to be patient than to rush?

Have you ever asked God to help you to be patient? What happened?

**Proverbs 19:11** reminds us that it is wise to be patient. Being patient allows someone to forgive a person when they do something wrong. It is really tough to be patient sometimes, but **Colossians 1:11** tells us that God gives us strength to be patient.

**2 Peter 3:15** explains that Jesus is patiently waiting to come back to earth so that all people will have a chance to know Him and be saved.

## The Year was 1982

World population: 4.378 billion

Australian population: 15.18 million

Prime Minister of Australia: Malcolm Fraser

US President: Ronald Reagan

VFL Premiers: Carlton

Prince William was born

Wimbledon winners: Martina Navratilova and Jimmy Connors

The movie ET was released

Michael Jackson's Thriller album was released

Postage stamp: 22cents

Average weekly wage: \$250

## Playing the card game Patience (also known as Solitaire)

Do you know how to play the card game Patience? If not, you might like to find out how to play.

I wonder why they called it Patience? Do you need to have patience to play it?

