



ho‘omanawanui

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E nāhoahānao‘u, e mana‘o‘oukou, he mea ‘oli‘oli wale nō, ke lo‘ohia‘oukou e kēlā mea kēiamea e ho‘ā‘o mai ai;Ua ‘ikenōho‘i‘oukou, ‘o ka ho‘ā‘o‘ana mai i ko ‘oukoumana‘o‘i‘o, ‘o ia ka mea e māhuahua ai ke ahonui. E ho‘omau‘oukou ma ka mea kūpono i ke ahonui, i lako ‘oukou, a i hemolele ho‘i, ‘a‘ole wahi hemahema iki.- Iakobo 1:2-4

² Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.- James 1:2-4

You often hear people joke saying be careful praying for patience. Patience doesn't come easy and is one of the harder fruits of the spirit to enjoy. God reminds us that patience builds character, that's because it's not always pleasant. By learning patience we become more like Christ and are able to enjoy the process instead of controlling each situation.

Last year I attended a mission trip to Kalaupapa on the island of Moloka'i. On this five-day mission trip, we served the community, held church service, and visited with the remaining leprosy patients. On one of the days, we were able to head down to where the graves are located and search for my ancestors' graves. While searching I was faced with being patient as we walked through rows of hundreds of graves searching for my ancestors' names. Knowing that a tsunami had come years before and washed away some of the graves I could feel myself losing hope and wanting to give up. As everyone continued to search and help me look, I found myself back at the car trying to find motivation to keep looking. After taking a moment to myself, I decided to sit down and pray for the strength and patience to keep on searching. After my prayer I decided to go back out there and soon enough we were able to find not just one grave but six.

Learning patience is a process. It is not a virtue that you will learn overnight. God gives us situations each day that help us grow and develop this virtue. When we exercise patience and learn to have faith that all things are in God's timing and control it helps us become more like him.

Heavenly Father, I ask that you watch over each and every one of us in the trials we face and give us the patience and perseverance in situations we are given. We say these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.