**John 14:1-3**

For nearly 2,000 years Christians have waited patiently for God to choose the day when He would send Jesus back to this earth, to call His saints home. His delay over the last 2,000 years has left many wandering if Jesus is going to actually return. As with anything, it is hard to wait. It is hard to be patient. However, His delay is for a reason, and in fact, it is a really good reason. This morning as we conclude our study through 1st and 2nd Peter, we realize that we are Different because my God is patient.

**Fields of Gold ~** Starting next Sunday, November 3rd, we will begin our annual stewardship series. To aid our study, we have a free gift for you, Andy Stanley’s book, *Fields of Gold*. Over the next four weeks, we are going to cover each of the eight chapters that make up this book. In preparation for Sunday mornings, we are asking you and your family to read two chapters. To start us off next week, please read the Introduction and chapters 1 & 2. If you were not handed a book when you came in, please pick one up in the HUB.

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Sermon Notes

Different Because My God Is Patient

2 Peter 3

(Page 1227 in the Pew Bible)

* Scoffers, false teachers, and doubters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ return
  + A popular belief was that Jesus would return during the life of His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + We cannot easily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ timetable of God
  + Holy living should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus’ delay
* I am different because the second coming \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ catch me off \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + For those \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus’ return, the second coming will be like a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the night
* I am different because I have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and can find \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Refined in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this life
  + Joy in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of what \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me after the second coming
* I am different because I am willing to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_