

# Going the Distance

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**2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

I've been thinking a lot about the way the media portrays people and the way this world likes to label things, or events, or your even your personal life. I know the media is good for some things, but lately I've been finding it hard to see much good. Then I ran across the scripture above and was reminded that the Lord's patience towards us is GREAT.

So my prayer started to shift to ask the Lord to give me His love for humanity. To not just have a heart for the lost because that saying has come and gone like the wind, but to actually have a heart for { fill in the blank }.

The filled in blank above would be for someone that rubs me the wrong way, for people causing hate crime, for bullies, for the guy that flicks me off going down the road, for the kid who calls me fat, for the people who abuse others, animals, and the system, for the people who have betrayed to me and lied to my face and for the people who don't see my family, but they see a skin or a label. These are the ones I need to start with because this scripture says that He is not willing that ANY should perish.

We don't know the secrets, or the hurt, the pain or the shame that someone is walking around with and people are hurting. They act out of hurt or offense – but God sees all of this, He knows the road we have walked.

Somehow, I need to let this burn so bad on the inside of me that when I speak, it warms the heart of the very cold, the very hardened, the very darkest of hearts. If He can love me, if His promises for me are not slack, if He is patient with ME?

Lord help us go the distance. In Jesus name, Amen.

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