



Meet Patrick (AD 389-461)

Apostle of Ireland

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1. Patrick's childhood

2. Patrick in Ireland (AD 405-411)

3. Patrick in Britain & France (AD 411 - c. 432) this time period is very sketchy

4. Patrick in Ireland (AD c. 432-461)

5. Patrick's impact

6. Patrick's testimony

Patrick, from The Confession of Patrick



“I know for certain, that before I was humbled
[by the hunger and harsh conditions of his slavery]
I was like a stone lying in deep mire,
and He that is mighty came and in His mercy raised me up
and, indeed, lifted me high up and placed me on top of the wall.
And from there I ought to shout out in gratitude to the Lord
for His great favours in this world and for ever...”

7. Patrick's call (to the Irish mission field)

A. Patrick's call to Ireland made him a _____!

Patrick, from The Confession of Patrick



“For I daily expect to be murdered or betrayed
or reduced to slavery if the occasion arises.
But I fear nothing, because of the promises of heaven;
for I have cast myself into the hands of _____ God,
who _____ everywhere.”

B. Patrick's call to Ireland _____ him!

Patrick, from his letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus



“I, Patrick, a sinner and unlearned, resident in Ireland,
declare myself to be a bishop.
Most assuredly I believe that what I am I have received from God.
And so I live among barbarians,
a stranger and an exile for the love of God...
out of love for my neighbors and sons
for whom I gave up my country and parents and life
to the point of death.
If I be worthy, I live for my God to teach the heathen,
even though some may despise me.”

1) What did Patrick's call to Ireland cost him?

2) Perspective is NOT _____ we see but the _____ we see it.



Meet Patrick

8. Joseph's perspective (on how he got to Egypt)

Genesis 45:8a NLT



[Context: Joseph was _____, speaking to his brothers,
_____ years after they plotted to kill him & sold him into slavery.]

^{8a} “So it was God
who sent me here [to Egypt], not you!”

9. Joseph's perspective (on events in his life)

Genesis 50:20 NIV



[Context: Joseph was _____, speaking to his brothers,
_____ years after they plotted to kill him & sold him into slavery.]

²⁰ “You intended to harm me,
but God **intended** it for good to accomplish what is now being done,
the saving of many lives.”

10. Job's perspective (on events in his life)

Job 42:1-2 NIV



¹ Then Job replied to the LORD:
² “I know that You can do all things;
no **plan** of Yours can be thwarted.”

A. Job's conclusion: God had a _____ & _____ to carry it out!

11. Paul's perspective (on events in our lives)

Romans 8:28 NAS



²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

A. "all things" includes hard times

B. "work together"

C. "for good"

We know "all things" in our lives "work together" "for good" because as Charles Spurgeon and others have said, God's...

too loving to be _____, too good to do us _____,
too wise to make a _____ and too powerful to be _____.

12. Patrick's perspective (on his life as a missionary)

"...I am a slave in Christ to a foreign nation
for the unspeakable glory
of the eternal life
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



Patrick, from his letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus
http://www.ricorso.net/rx/library/authors/classic/St_Patrick/Confessio.htm



1. What surprises you about Patrick's life? 2. What encourages you about his life? 3. When have you needed the Biblical perspective that either Joseph, Job or Paul had? 4. When have you been in a "bad" situation but saw that God worked it together for good?