

Patience and Endurance

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James 5:7-11 *Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.*

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This passage encourages three kinds of patient endurance:

- * Be patient for the _____ of the Lord.
- * Be patient toward _____.
- * Be patient for the work that God is doing in _____.

God is _____ at work, whether we recognize it or not.

We can endure difficult times by remembering the _____ of the coming of the Lord.

Being patient with others includes not sitting in _____ against them.

Patience gives us the ability to _____ what God is doing within us.

Patience is faith in action. It is ceasing your _____, releasing your _____, and letting God do His _____.

Questions for discussion in House Churches and discipleship triads:

- 1) On a scale of 1-10, where would your family members or friends rate you in terms of your patience and endurance? (1 = low, 10 = high)
- 2) What are the things that create impatience in you most? How can you be active in letting the Holy Spirit bear the fruit of patience within you in these areas?
- 3) How could faith in the promise of the return of Jesus change your perspective?
- 4) In what ways do you see yourself judging others? How could this change?
- 5) In what ways can patience and endurance be "faith in action" in your life?

Fill ins: coming, others, us, always, promise, judgment, recognize, striving, control, work