



## STUDY TOOLS

Sunday, August 10, 2025

**Teaching Title:** Patient Endurance

**Key Scripture:** James 5:7–11

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### 5-DAY READING PLAN WITH QUESTIONS:

**Monday:** James 5:7–11; Galatians 5:22–23

**Tuesday:** Genesis 15

**Wednesday:** Job 1

**Thursday:** Exodus 14:5–14

**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 13:4; Luke 23:26–34

1. What does this passage tell you about God?
2. What does this passage tell you about people?
3. If this is God's word, what do I need to do?
4. What's your takeaway?
5. Who would you tell?

### MEMORY TOPIC:

Patience

**MEMORY VERSE:** James 5:8 NLT

You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

### LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

#### Introduction:

Patience is something that seems to be lacking in the world today. Information loads instantly on our phones, and we get easily frustrated when it doesn't load as quickly as we want. We can skip ads and commercials, and it's annoying when we can't. We can travel farther and faster than at any other time in human history, yet we all know the rage slow traffic brings during construction season. And in the midst of this impatient world, we read in James that followers of Jesus are called to be patient. We're called to be patient with people and patient through challenging circumstances. When we trust in God's character and God's timing, we're able to have patience. **God's Timing + God's Character = Our Patience.**

#### Questions:

Icebreaker: What is something you are looking forward to and trying to wait patiently for?

Read James 5:7–11 aloud together as a group.

1. After reading this passage, how would you define patience?
2. What can we learn about patience from the example of the farmer in verse 7? As the farmer patiently waits for the "valuable harvest", what are we patiently waiting for?
3. The word for patience used in verses 7–10 is *makrothume* (See Digging Deeper). This type of patience refers to being patient with people. What does it look like to show this kind of patience toward others?
4. 1 Corinthians 13:4 says, "Love is patient and kind," and Galatians 5:22 lists both patience and kindness as fruits of the Spirit. How are patience and kindness connected? Can one be evident in our lives without the other?

5. How should God's patience toward us shape the way we show patience to others? (See Digging Deeper)
6. The word for endurance used in verse 11 is *hupomeno* (See Digging Deeper). This type of endurance and patience relates to difficult circumstances. What does it look like to show this kind of patience in the face of challenges?
7. What situations in your life are you currently trying to endure? Where is your patience being tested?
8. How has God shown you that His character is trustworthy? In what ways has He proven that His timing can be trusted?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

### **Question 3—**

The Greek word for patient in James 5:7–10 is *makrothumeo* meaning to be patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others, to be mild and slow in avenging, or to be longsuffering, slow to anger, slow to punish. This is the same word used in 1 Corinthians 13:4, “Love is patient and kind.”

### **Question 5—**

“God Himself is the supreme example of longsuffering. When we are tempted to be impatient with others, we should stop and think about the gracious longsuffering of God with us and our many wrongs against Him. In light of His patience toward us, who are we to think that we cannot patiently bear with the weaknesses and failures of others—or the wrongs they may have done to us?”

—Strauch, Alexander. *Leading with Love*. Lewis and Roth Publishers, 2006, p. 41.

### **Question 6—**

The Greek word for endurance in James 5:11 is *hupomeno* meaning to remain i.e. abide, not recede or flee, to persevere: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ, or to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments.