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The Practice Of Patience
James: Living Out What Lies Within – 10
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I. PRACTICE PATIENCE WHEN ...

1. Life is beyond your **CONTROL**

“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is ...” James 5:7 (NIV)

2. People refuse to **LISTEN**

“...As an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.” James 5:10 (NIV)

3. **CIRCUMSTANCES** make no sense

“...You have heard of Job's perseverance ...” James 5:11 (NIV)

II. PRACTICE PATIENCE BECAUSE ...

1. Nothing is out of God's **CONTROL**

“Be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.” James 5:8 (NIV)

“... resting your hearts on the ultimate certainty ...” James 5:8 (PHILLIPS)

2. God **BLESSES** patience

“As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered.” James 5:11a (NIV)

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven ...” Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

3. God is **WORKING**

“You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” James 5:11b (NIV)

“...God is at work within you...” Philippians 2:13 (PHILLIPS)

“And we know that in all things God works ...” Romans 8:28 (NIV)

III. PRACTICE PATIENCE BY ...

1. Holding on with **EXPECTATION**

“See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains.” James 5:7b (NIV)

“... I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for He has promised.” Psalm 130:5 (LB)

“The Lord says... No one who waits for my help will be disappointed.” Isaiah 49:23 (GN)

2. Holding on without **GRUMBLING**

“Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged...” James 5:9a (NIV)

“Don't blame your troubles on one another.” James 5:9a (NEB)

“Above all, my brothers, do not swear ...” James 5:12 (NIV)

“It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.” Lamentations 3:26 (NIV)

“But these things won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” Habakkuk 2:3 (LB)

3. Holding on with **PERSEVERANCE**

“As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.” James 5:11 (NIV)

“...I will wait confidently for God ...” Micah 7:7 (NLT)

“Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act...” Psalm 37:7 (NIV)