

# Love is Patient - 1 Cor. 13:4-8 - James 5:7-11

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The speed and pace of our world is in constant war against the life of \_\_\_\_\_.

Patience isn't \_\_\_\_\_ – it doesn't ignore \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Patience with \_\_\_\_\_ –**  
vs. 7 & 8

**2. Patience with \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Patience with \_\_\_\_\_**

Abraham – He was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when God called him

Moses – He was \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he was sent into exile – He was \_\_\_\_\_ when God appeared to him in a burning bush

David – he was anointed King of Israel when he was a teenager – and he had to wait \_\_\_\_\_ more years – to finally rule over God’s people

**4. Patience with \_\_\_\_\_**

God’s ultimate purpose for your life is not to keep you from \_\_\_\_\_ – but to make you more like \_\_\_\_\_ .....

But the ultimate example of patience is \_\_\_\_\_

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails”*

## **CONNECT GROUP**

ICEBREAKER—How long is too long to wait for fast food?

APPLY THE BIBLE Have someone read Romans 2:1-4—How does a tendency to judge others reveal a lack of understanding about God’s patience?

Q1. Have you ever thought of patience as “the premiere expression of love?” Explain.

Q2. What does it mean to have “patience with circumstances?” Have there been times in your life when your circumstances made it difficult to wait and be patient?

Q3. Read James 5:9—How do we apply patience when people have been unkind, unloving, and wounded us.

Q4. Pastor Paul gave examples of people in the Bible that were patient with God. Do you know someone in your life that has demonstrated patience with God?

Q5. How hard is it to have patience with suffering?

Q6. Pastor Paul said “God’s ultimate purpose for your life is not to keep you from pain, but to make you more like Jesus. Explain what that means to you.

**A LITTLE LOVE HOMEWORK:**

Sit down with a sheet of paper and a pen, and write out your answers to the following questions: How has God

shown you patience in the past week? How has he shown you patience in the past year? How have you responded to his patience?

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