

## Your Need for Patience

Following Jesus

Galatians 5:22-23



"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NLT)

## You need to know: What Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...

Galatians 5:22-23 (TLB)



"Patience is not just the ability to wait. Waiting is simply a fact of life. Patience is the ability to keep a good attitude while you wait." (Unknown)

## You need to know: Why Patience Matters

- Patience makes you \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for life
- Patience enables you to know  
\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for you
- Patience is a source of \_\_\_\_\_



... You have heard about Job's patience, and you know the Lord's purpose for him in the end. James 5:11 (NCV)

"You [God] asked, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about, things far too wonderful for me. Job 42:3 (NLT)

And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans. Romans 8:28 (TLB)

"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation... James 1:12 (NLT)

It is better to be patient than powerful. It is better to win control over yourself than over whole cities. Proverbs 16:32 (Good News Bible)

## You need to know: Why Patience \_\_\_\_\_

- Patience is an expression of Love
- Patience is Faith in Action



“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

“Love is patient ...” 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT)

“Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.” Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

For since the world began no one has seen or heard of such a God as ours, who works for those who wait for him! Isaiah 64:4 (TLB)

## What is God doing while you wait?

- Something \_\_\_\_\_ than you expect
- Something \_\_\_\_\_ than you had in mind
- Something you \_\_\_\_\_ for



“This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours. Isaiah 55:8-9 (TLB)

[God]... is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—ininitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. Ephesians 3:20 (TLB)

## You need to know: God is Patient \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord is not slow in doing what he promised—the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost, but he wants all people to change their hearts and lives.

2 Peter 3:9 (NCV)

