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## PERSPECTIVES

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## THE POWER OF PATIENCE

“Patience is the companion of wisdom.”

St. Augustine

*James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

James 1:1

*Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 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 5:7-11

*And since you know that he cares, let your language show it. Don't add words like "I swear to God" to your own words. Don't show your impatience by concocting oaths to hurry up God. Just say yes or no. Just say what is true. That way, your language can't be used against you.*

James 5:12 (The Message)

If we are patient, if we will cultivate this practice of waiting on God, then we will get to see the miracle happen: something from nothing.

## PATIENCE IS A DECISION TO PAUSE RATHER THAN PUSH.

### BUILD YOUR PATIENCE MUSCLES

- Read a book - this requires time and patience. Finish the book.
- Grow something in the dirt. Wait for it to mature.
- Cook something from scratch.
- Create something from start to finish.
- Drive in the slow lane all week to work.
- Go to your favorite store and don't buy anything.
- Get in the slow line everyday this week at the store.
- Save your money to buy something; don't buy it on credit.
- Put your phone away when you are around your family.
- Let someone finish their sentence and then ask, "Is there anything else?" Wait for them to respond and finish before you talk.
- Take a class — and attend every single one.
- Go through a day without wearing a watch or looking at your phone.
- Spend a day serving only your spouse, kids, or a friend without seeking first your own desires.
- Write out your prayers. It takes longer than talking.

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