

Authentic Series

“Hurry up and Wait”

Q: Tell of a time you had to wait for something important in your life?

Q: What have you been waiting for right now?

Wait with Patience.

Dear brothers and sisters, you must be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who eagerly look for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They patiently wait for the precious harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. And take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

James 5:7-8 (NLT)

Q: By nature are you a patient person? Or more impatient? Why?

Q: About what things in your life do you tend to be more patient about?

Don't Complain.

Don't grumble about each other, my brothers and sisters, or God will judge you. For look! The great Judge is coming. He is standing at the door!

James 5:9 (NLT)

Q: How do you tend to react to people who complain?

Don't Quit.

For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. Job is an example of a man who endured patiently. From his experience we see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good, for he is full of tenderness and mercy.

James 5:10-11 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.

Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

Q: What is God calling you to patiently endure and keep working at?