

MAKING

FAITH

WORK

JAMES 2:17

PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE

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1. **Intro:** What signs or symptoms of impatience can you identify in your life over the last week?
2. **Read James 5:7–11.** What motivations does James give believers for pursuing patience? Which do you find most compelling and why?
3. **Read John 10:10.**
 - a. Having a clear, compelling, Jesus-centered vision for your life can be a key to unlock the door of patience. What would your life look like if you truly believed you had nothing to prove, nothing to lose, and nothing to hide?
 - b. What would it look like practically to make decisions based on this vision? What is a decision you are facing right now? What choice would most align with the vision of the abundant life where you have nothing to prove, nothing to lose, and nothing to hide?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9, Matthew 16:24–25, and Luke 8:17.** Where do you see a false belief of having something to prove, something to lose, or something to hide leading to impatience in your life? How can these Scriptures help you experience growth in patience?
5. **Read James 5:16.** Steve mentioned one “means” (or method or spiritual habit) that can help us grow in patience: confession. How can you make confession to God and with other trusted brothers and sisters in Christ a regular habit in your life? What other spiritual habit(s) can you build to help with your patience?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

1. **Read James 5: 7-9.** Why is it hard to be patient? Why is it hard to not grumble?
2. Why can Christians live like we have nothing to lose, nothing to prove, and nothing to hide?
3. What are the fruits of the Spirit? (hint: read Galatians 5:22-23)