



## GOING DEEPER AT HOME

### JUNE 19: PATIENCE

How good are you at waiting? The answer might depend on what you are waiting for or how long you have to wait. It is not always easy to wait, especially when we think things should move quicker than they are. We need patience more than we realize and it is primal to our faith. As James begins to draw his letter to a close he highlights the need for patience, that without it we will not be able to live in this world as we wait for Jesus to return.

#### SCRIPTURE:

James 5:7 - 12

#### GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. On a scale of 1 - 5 how would you rate your level of patience? What things that are worth waiting for?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new or challenged you?
3. James uses the word patient a lot in these verses. According to verse 7, what did James want them to be patient about? Why do you think he highlights this over anything else?
4. Have you ever planted a vegetable garden? How long does it seem to take from when you first plant the seeds to when you get to bring in the first ripe vegetable and cook it up? How does this experience compare to waiting for Jesus' return?
5. In verse 9 we are told not to "grumble." What leads you to grumble about people and how is that tied to patience or the lack of it?
6. In verse 11 James writes that those who endure through suffering experience God's tenderness & mercy. What does he mean by that? How is this connect to Matthew 5:10?
7. What step(s) is the Holy Spirit inviting you to take to live with patience?