

THE POWER OF PATIENCE

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KEY SCRIPTURE

- James 1:2-5 (Primary passage)
- 1 Peter 1:5-7
- Ephesians 6:10-14
- Hebrews 10:35-36
- Psalm 94:12-13

MAIN TAKEAWAYS

1. God Gives Wisdom Without Finding Fault

- When we don't know what to do, we should ask God for wisdom
- God won't scold us over our failures — even if we caused the trouble
- He gives generously and without reproach

2. Trials Prove the Authenticity of Our Faith

- Testing reveals that our faith is real and valuable
- Like gold refined by fire, trials bring out the sterling core of our faith
- The journey toward victory is where we grow stronger

3. Trials Produce Endurance, Steadfastness, and Patience

- The "trying of faith" brings out qualities we didn't know we had
- These qualities are the "power twins" with faith
- Patience undergirds faith and gives it endurance to persevere

4. We Must Stand Our Ground

- Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10)
- We need the power to "keep ourselves calm in days of adversity"
- Don't throw away your fearless confidence in God's Word



DISCUSSION

1. **James says to "consider it wholly joyful" when we encounter trials.**
How is this possible? What does this look like practically?
2. **Read James 1:5 together.** Why is it significant that God gives wisdom "without finding fault"? How does this change the way you approach God when you're in trouble?
3. **Think about a past trial you've experienced.** Looking back, what qualities (endurance, steadfastness, patience) did God develop in you through that situation?
4. **Pastor Barry said, "The journey is the key" rather than just the outcome.** Share an example of how you grew during a difficult season, even before the breakthrough came.
5. **What does it mean to "hold yourself calm in the day of adversity"?** (Psalm 94:12-13) How is this different from just "being patient"?

Application & Action

6. **The sermon emphasized not throwing away our "fearless confidence."** What circumstances or pressures currently tempt you to throw in the towel? How can this group support you?
7. **Ephesians 6 talks about standing your ground.** What does "standing" look like for you this week in your current situation?
8. **If faith and patience are "power twins," which one do you struggle with more?** How can you strengthen both?





KEY QUOTES

"When you don't know what you're doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help."

"The trying of your faith releases the power of endurance."

"When you refuse to throw away your confidence in God and His Word, that's the power of patience at work."

"There is no substitute for being able to hold yourself calm and refusing to throw away your fearless confidence."

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray Together For:

1. **Wisdom** - That God would show each person the way out of their current trials
2. **Endurance** - That steadfastness and patience would have their full work
3. **Fearless Confidence** - That no one would throw away their trust in God's promises
4. **Specific Needs** - Take time to pray for each person's particular situation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Celebrating Jesus in the Passover - March 25; Registration is open! We expect to sell out, so register early to guarantee your seat.

