



# everyday faith

Learning Patience (James 5:7-12)

Main Thing to Know:

A lack of \_\_\_\_\_ is really a lack of \_\_\_\_\_

### Patience vs. Perseverance

➤ Patience = Response to \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Perseverance = Response to \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Be patient with God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.7-8)

*Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him . . . (Psalm 37:7)*

*[The] excruciating exercise of waiting marks the essence of the Christian life . . . God's blessings do not always come with the speed of a bullet, but rather with the slow, steady approach of a glacier.*

—Gary Thomas, *Authentic Faith*

### 2. Be patient with God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.9)

*Rather than see people as problems, Christ saw them as opportunities.*

—Max Lucado, *Outlive Your Life*

### 3. Be patient with God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v.10-12)

*[He] works all things according to the counsel of His will . . . (Ephesians 1:11)*

*I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. (Job 42:2)*

God's Plan:

- Often involves \_\_\_\_\_
- Requires \_\_\_\_\_
- Calls for \_\_\_\_\_

### Personal Application Questions:

- (1) How is God asking me \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (2) Am I living with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ toward others?
- (3) Do I really trust God for what I'm facing \_\_\_\_\_ ?