

Series: FaithWorks  
Sermon: Impatience and Patience  
August 7, 2016

1. Do you like this time of year when students go back to school?
2. "Just because God is silent, does not mean he is absent." Do you agree with statement?
3. Do you consider yourself a patient or impatient person?
4. Read James 5:7-12.
  - A. What stands out to you in these verses?
  - B. In verse 7, 8 and 9, there is a reference to Jesus' return. Why do you think patience is discussed in light of Jesus coming back?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.
  - A. Have you ever prayed for something and specifically got a response from God..."No"?
  - B. What does God's response in verse 9 mean to you?
6. Three suggestions were made from the three illustrations that are given in James 5:7–12. Which one of the following statements do you find most difficult for you to have patience in?
  - A. Patience is needed for the long time of hardship.
  - B. Patience is needed when people cause us hardship.
  - C. Patience is needed because life is hard and can seem unfair.
7. What is grumbling? Why does Paul say we need to stop grumbling?
8. Why do you think James uses a different word for patience in verse 11? What is perseverance?
9. What stood out to from the two testimonies during the service?
10. What is one thing that you need to do to close the gap between impatience and patience in your life?