

The Urgency of Patience

A Study on the Book of James

James 5:7-12

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(James 5:7-8)

- *BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROL*

- *WAIT EXPECTANTLY*

❷ WHEN PEOPLE ARE UNCHANGEABLE

(James 5:9-11a)

- *BECAUSE GOD REWARDS PATIENCE*

- *WAIT QUIETLY*

❸ WHEN PROBLEMS ARE UNEXPLAINABLE

(James 5:11b)

- *BECAUSE GOD IS WORKING THINGS OUT*

- *WAIT CONFIDENTLY*

❹ WHEN DECISIONS SEEM URGENT

(James 5:12)

- *BECAUSE GOD IS ALL KNOWING*

- *WAIT PRAYERFULLY*

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Series Big Idea:

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