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THE BEAUTY OF PATIENCE

Colossians 1:11 · Romans 5:3-5 · James 1:3-4

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Patience is not passive endurance — it is God's active artistry in your soul, empowered by His glory, producing proven character and unshakable hope.

POINT 1 — PATIENCE IS EMPOWERED

(Colossians 1:11)

"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."

1. Have you ever mistaken "still being in the trial" as evidence that God hadn't shown up? How does this verse reframe that?
2. How is joyful, God-sourced patience different from stoic detachment? Where do you tend to fall on that spectrum?

POINT 2 — PATIENCE IS GLORIOUS

(Romans 5:3-5)

"Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed."

1. Paul says we can "glory" in tribulations. What makes that possible – and how does patience make suffering meaningful rather than random?
2. God's love is already "shed abroad" in our hearts by the Holy Spirit – an ongoing, abiding reality. How does that certainty change how you face a current trial?



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POINT 3 — PATIENCE IS COMPLETING

(James 1:3-4)

"Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

1. James says to "let patience" – to cooperate rather than resist or rush. What shortcuts around the process are you most tempted to take?
2. "Wanting nothing" means no gaps in character – no place fear should have become courage but didn't. What gap do you sense God is working to fill in you right now?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Identify one area of your life where you've been resisting the waiting. Pray daily this week: *"Lord, let patience have her perfect work in me."* Journal what you notice by the end of the week and bring it back to share with your group.