

**Victory Connect Lesson
"The Power of Patience"
Pastor Ashley Daugherty
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Key Passage: Romans 5:3-5 (New Century Version)

"We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. 4 And patience produces character, and character produces hope. 5 And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts. He gave us his love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us."

1. There is no short cut to perseverance.

God wants us to finish strong. We have all been tempted to become tired of waiting. Shortcuts do reduce the waiting time but they also all cut short the character development needed to sustain.

2. The Lord tested Joseph's character until the time came.

[Psa 105:19 NKJV] Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him.

Benefits of Patience:

1. Patience produces character

[Rom 3:4, NCV] And patience produces character, and character produces hope.

2. Patience produces peace and understanding

[Pro 14:29 ESV] Patient people have great understanding, but people with quick tempers show their foolishness.

3. Patience reveals the power of a firm identity in Christ (Jesus waited for the Father to vindicate Him)

[Psa 37:7 ESV] 7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

4. Patience produces power

[Isa 40:31 KJV] 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew [their] strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; [and] they shall walk, and not faint.

Discussion questions:

1. How much are we willing to wait on God?
2. Have you been patient with God with the word He has spoken to you?
3. Share a time when you saw the benefit of patience?

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