

## **May 10, 2026 ~ Pastor George - "FRUIT TAKES TIME" - Part 3**

"Because we know that the testing of your faith (Growing in Patience) develops perseverance." James 1:3

### **TWO TYPES OF PATIENCE NEEDED:**

1. Patience with PEOPLE
2. Patience with CIRCUMSTANCES

### DEFINITION FOR PATIENCE

- The capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.
- Patience is not the ability to wait, but how you act while you're waiting.

**Greek** word translated as patience is *macro-thumia* (Means: Long Fire)

#### 1. SOMETIMES, OUR PATIENCE IS TESTED

Abraham (**Genesis 12:1–4, Genesis 21:1–2**)

#### 2. SOMETIMES, OUR PATIENCE IS PROVEN

(1) Job - Endured devastating losses while maintaining faith

(2) Hannah - Prayed persistently for a child (1 Samuel 1)

(3) Simeon & Anna - Waited their entire lives to see the Messiah (Luke 2:25)

(4) Moses - Led the Israelites for 40 years (Numbers 14:33-34)

(5) JOSEPH (Genesis 37, Genesis 39)

- Your pit is not your end. The delay is not God's denial.
- God is working in the waiting.

#### 3. PATIENCE IS NEEDED WHEN WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE

David (1 Samuel 16:12-13)

The gap between what God SAID and what we SEE is where patience is developed. (Psalm 40:1)

**(1) David Served While He Waited (1 Samuel 17:15)**

**(2) David Refused To Force What God Promised (1 Samuel 24:4–7)**

**(3) The Waiting Season Shaped David's Heart (Psalm 27:14)**