The Fruit of the Spirit – Patience

Galatian 5:22-23, 25

All Power + Glorious Might -> Endurance and Patience (Colossians 1:11)

How do we make sense of patience biblically?

- 1. Patience is embedded in the <u>character of God</u>. (Exodus 34:6, Romans 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9)
- 2. God <u>uses</u> patience. (James 1:2-4) Patience is our pathway to <u>maturity</u>.
- 3. Patience allow us to wait on God.
 - a. Let go of our timelines to get God's timing.
 - b. Let go of our <u>plan</u> and trust God's <u>provision</u>.
 - c. Lose our control and get God's covering.
- 4. Patience allow us to endure through trials.
 - a. Be patient in the pit.
 - b. Be patient in the pain.
 - c. Be patient in the <u>process</u>.
 - d. Be patient in the promotion.
 - e. Be patient in the <u>reconciliation</u>. (Genesis 50:20)
- 5. Patience keeps us from giving up on <u>people</u>. (1 Corinthians 13:4a, Ephesians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:14)

How do we overcome impatience in our lives?

- 1. Ask Jesus to supernaturally keep your heart calm.
- 2. Be ready for God to <u>test you</u> if you <u>ask him</u> for patience.
- 3. <u>Surrender your rights</u> and <u>expectations</u> to God in all of life. (Colossians 2:20, Romans 15:13)

If <u>surrender</u> is the pathway to patience, who or what are you <u>surrendered</u> to?

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