#18 – The Upside and Downside of Waiting

James 5:7-11

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 Why does God want us to wait?

How long should we wait?

How are we to be patient?

**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of March 10, 2019

Prepare for your Growth Group discussion by taking some time (about 20-30 minutes) to go through the following Growth Group Questions (G2Qs) and be ready to share your thoughts and answers with your group. Have a great time growing in your relationship with the Lord and with others!

**Getting to know You**

1. This weekend we saw several people walk in obedience and follow Christ in baptism. If you have been baptized, share your story of that experience with your G2.

1. When you are impatient are you most likely to quit, make a rash decision, or grumble?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

1. Looking back at your sermon notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. What have you had to wait for in the past where the waiting was really hard? Can you think of a time when you were impatient and either quit or made a rash decision that you regret?

1. Read Romans 5:3-5; Galatians 5:22-23; Philippians 4:8-9; and James 1:2-4. How can patience be developed?

1. Consider the farmer in James 5:7. What are farmers convinced of that enable them to wait patiently for rain? What are you currently waiting for that you could take a lesson from the farmer?

1. What ministries have you been involved in or are currently in that required patience?

1. When sharing our faith with others, many times we don’t immediately see the fruit. How do you continue to faithfully serve others and share your faith while waiting for God’s timing in producing a harvest?

1. How does patience impact how you live out the idea that “God has big plans for your life?”

**Growth Group Prayer Requests:**