

2009 Summer Series - The Fruit of the Spirit
“What’s Patience Got To Do With It?”*Paul Sorrentino*

Text: Psalm 40:1-5 & James 5:7-11

Introduction

- A. Experiencing impatience
- B. Webster’s Dictionary definition of patience
- C. Patience allows us to bear up under suffering and hardship without sorrow or resentment.

I. Patience & God

- A. God is patient with us
 - 1. Old Testament
 - 2. New Testament
- B. Psalm 40:1-5
 - 1. Slimy Pits
 - 2. Charles Spurgeon
 - 3. Our responsibility
 - 4. Patient Transformation
 - 5. Martin Luther King

II. Patience & Relationships

- A. James 5:7-11
 - 1. Farmers
 - 2. Prophets
 - 3. Job
 - 4. Second Coming
- B. Vs. 9 Grumbling
 - 1. Sermon on the Mount – Forgiveness
 - 2. “grumble” (stenazo) means to sigh or groan
 - 3. Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 - a) Reality of Fellowship
 - b) “Wish dream”
 - 4. The Subway

III. Patience as Fruit

- A. Galatians 5:22
- B. Three Focal Images: Community, Cross & New Creation (R. Hays)
- C. Impatience Antidote
- D. Helpless
- E. Patience as God’s Vehicle to Change Us