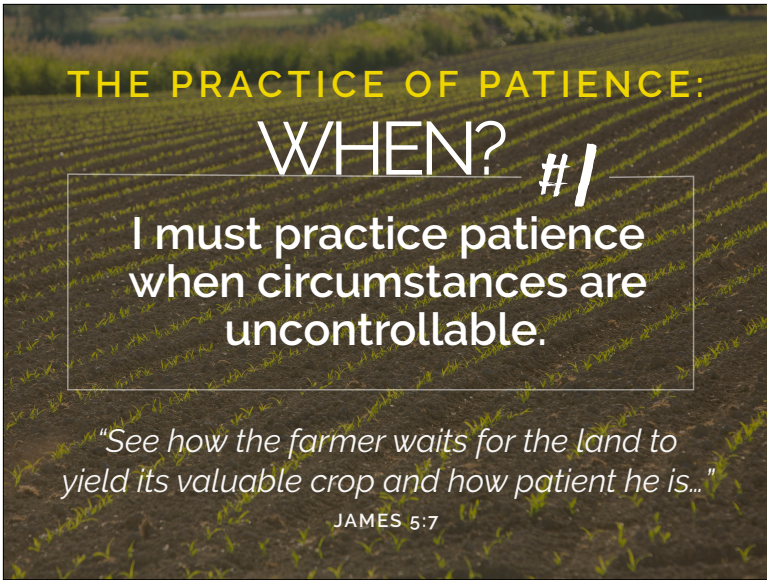


JAMES 5:7-12

¹¹ As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what God finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

¹² Above all, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise you will be condemned.

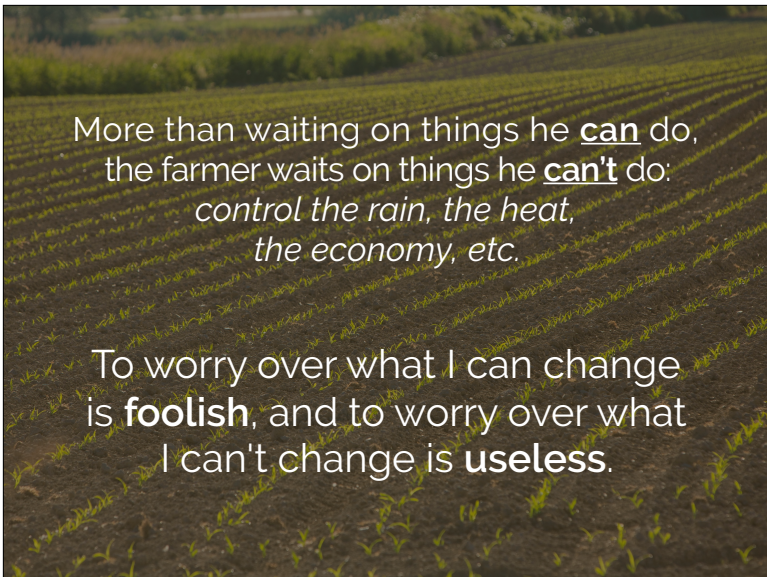


**THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:
WHEN? #1**

**I must practice patience
when circumstances are
uncontrollable.**

"See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is..."

JAMES 5:7



More than waiting on things he **can** do,
the farmer waits on things he **can't** do:
*control the rain, the heat,
the economy, etc.*

To worry over what I can change
is **foolish**, and to worry over what
I can't change is **useless**.

THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

WHEN? #2

I must practice patience
when people are
unchangeable.

*"As an example of patience in the face of
suffering, take the prophets who spoke
in the name of the Lord."* JAMES 5:10

PATIENCE

macrothumia

macros—long + thumos—heat

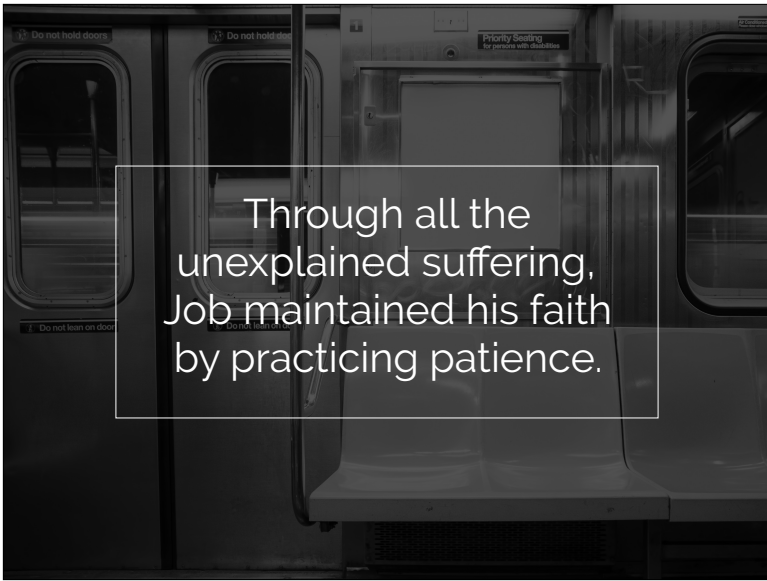
Literally, to have a *long fuse*.

THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

WHEN? #3

I must practice patience
when problems are
unexplainable.

"You have heard of Job's perseverance..."
JAMES 5:11



Through all the unexplained suffering, Job maintained his faith by practicing patience.

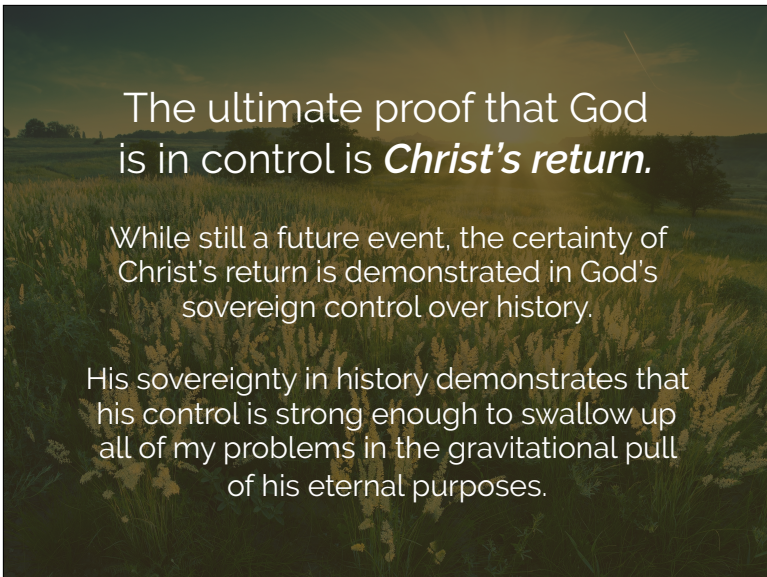


THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:
WHY? #1

I must practice patience because God is in control.

"Be patient...stand firm...don't complain, because the Lord's coming is near."

JAMES 5:7,8,9



The ultimate proof that God is in control is *Christ's return*.

While still a future event, the certainty of Christ's return is demonstrated in God's sovereign control over history.

His sovereignty in history demonstrates that his control is strong enough to swallow up all of my problems in the gravitational pull of his eternal purposes.

THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

WHY? #2

I must practice
patience because
God rewards it.

*"As you know, we consider blessed
those who have persevered."*

JAMES 5:11

If patience pays in this life

("blessed are those who have persevered")

and in the next

("great is your reward in heaven")

... is losing my patience today
worth the risk of forfeiting
heaven's reward tomorrow?

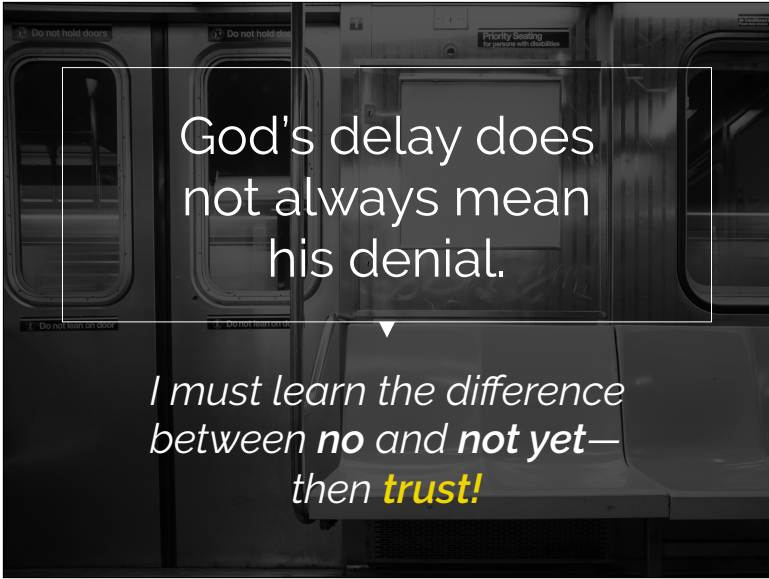
THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

WHY? #3

I must practice
patience because
God is at work.

*"You've heard of Job's perseverance, and
have seen what God finally brought about.
He's full of compassion and mercy."*

JAMES 5:11



God's delay does
not always mean
his denial.

*I must learn the difference
between **no** and **not yet**—
then **trust!***



THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

HOW? #1

I must wait
expectantly.

"You too be patient."

JAMES 5:8

If I have done all I can do, then
I can expect God to do all he can do.



*"According to your faith it will
be done for you."*

MATTHEW 9:29

I must act "**as if.**"

*"No one who waits for God's help
will be disappointed."*

ISAIAH 49:23

THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

HOW? #2

I must wait quietly.

"Don't grumble against each other, brothers."

JAMES 5:9



"Don't grumble against one another, or you will be judged."

JAMES 5:9

"It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

LAMENTATIONS 3:26

THE PRACTICE OF PATIENCE:

HOW? #3

I must wait confidently.

All you need to say is a simple 'Yes' or 'No.'"

JAMES 5:12

Express Confidence

I must sit still:

*"Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently
for Him to act."*

PSALM 37:7

I must reject anxiety:

*"Do not be anxious
about anything..."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

I must meditate on truth:

*"Think about what is
noble, trustworthy,
lovely and true."*

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

I must practice casting:

*"Cast all your cares
on him, for he
cares for you."*

1 PETER 5:7

