



## LOUDER WEEK 4 DEVOTIONAL

### PATIENCE

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### RECEIVE

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Slowly. Prayerfully, read out loud **James 5:7–11**. Before and after each reading, pause for a moment of silence. In that silence pray asking the Spirit of Christ to guide you into knowing and living what you are receiving from the Scripture. Consider what God wants you to reflect upon and learn.

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### REFLECT

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1. What is one idea from the message that captured your attention?
2. What does our culture teach us about patience?
3. What are some qualities of patience a farmer must have? How can you apply these qualities throughout your life? How does it help to remember that patience is one of the fruit of the Spirit.
4. Why would James talk about grumbling and complaining in the context of patience?
5. In what area of your life are you struggling to demonstrate patience?
6. How does impatience manifest itself within you? Anger? Annoyance? Sarcasm? Judgment? Discontentment?
7. What's the underlying reason for your impatience? Pride? Control? Comfort? Fear? Selfishness? Distrust? Don't avoid this question as it

could be very helpful in how you partner with the Holy Spirit to grow patience.

8. How and in what ways did Jesus model patience for us and practice patience with others?
9. To what extent are you patient with yourself? How might you practice patience with yourself as Jesus does?

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## RESPOND

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Taking your answers from questions 5–7, create a prayer asking God to grow you in patience. Ask God for discernment with how you can practically grow in patience in that situation.

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## REMEMBER

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Memorize James 5:7–8.

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## SCRIPTURE

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**James 5:7–11** | New International Version

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door. Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.