

**June 5th, The Underground**  
**Part 5 in the series 'Growing Pains'**

In what ways do you sacrifice quality for immediacy?  
Why do you think people do this?

What is patience?

Do you ever find it difficult to be patient with God? Why is that?

**Read John 5:16-18**

16 Now because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began persecuting him.  
17 So he told them, "My Father is working until now, and I too am working." 18 For this reason the Jewish leaders were trying even harder to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was also calling God his own Father, thus making himself equal with God.

Why is it important to remember that God is always working?

Gabe said:

Sometimes God makes you wait Because it gives your patience weight.

What does it mean to give your patience weight?

Why does God want to give our patience weight?

How does patience enhance our relationships?

How can patience be powerful?

What are some examples of acts of love that require patience?

Why was God's timing better than Abraham's and Sarah's when it came to giving them a son?

**Read Galatians 4:4-5**

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

What do you think are some of the reasons God chose when to send his son into the world?

Can you think of any examples from your own life of how God's timing ended up being better than your own?

Gabe said:

Don't miss out on the goodness of God by giving up on God.

How might giving up on God cause you to miss out on the goodness of God?

**Read Psalm 27:13-14**

13I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

14Wait for the Lord;

be strong and take heart  
and wait for the Lord.

Why do you think the author remains confident that they will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living?

Why do you think the author of this Psalm included “Wait for the Lord” twice?