



**SERIES:** Getting Ripe With God  
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### QUESTION #1

In this message, what resonated with you?

### QUESTION #2

Was there anything you wrestled with?

### QUESTION #3

Love, joy and peace are delightful “sweet” fruits of the Spirit. What makes patience seem sour instead of sweet?

### QUESTION #4

As Christians, our pain is not meaningless. God can use suffering to bring out His redemptive purposes in our life. Jesus experienced pain and suffering. What does this tell us about God?

## QUESTION #5

Read James 1:2-4 below.

What does it mean to let your patience show itself perfectly in what you do?

**James 1:2-4, NCV**

**<sup>2</sup> My brothers and sisters, when you have many kinds of troubles, you should be full of joy, <sup>3</sup> because you know that these troubles test your faith, and this will give you patience. <sup>4</sup> Let your patience show itself perfectly in what you do. Then you will be perfect and complete and will have everything you need.**

## QUESTION #6

Why did Jesus cry over Lazarus' death even though he knew he was about to raise him from the dead?

## QUESTION #7

Read Hebrews 6:12 below.

Why is patience important to God?

**Hebrews 6:12, NIV**

**<sup>12</sup> We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.**

## QUESTION #8

It's challenging to be patient with God's timing. How do you respond when you're in a season of waiting? Are you currently waiting on one of God's promises?