

“From Patience to Perseverance”

Based on James 5:10-11 (NIV)

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10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

11 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.

† **Job (pronounced “Jobe”) was a prosperous farmer living in the land of Uz.**

† **Job was also very religious toward God.**

† **Throughout the book of Job, we read about Satan destroying Job's children, servants, livestock, home, and covering Job's body with painful sores.**

† **Job continued to trust in God.**

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† **The word used of Job is the Greek word hupomone which describes not a passive patience but a gallant spirit.**

† **Perseverance is patience stretched out.**

† **Our life of instant everything has caused us to lose the ability to ... wait.**

† **God's timing and priorities are different from mine.**

† **It is better to know God than to know the answers.**

† **God's purpose is to bring me to a place where I trust Him, no matter what.**

† **Who do I want running everything, including my life, me or God?**

Applying Today's Message to My Life:

† What “bad” situation am I dealing with?

† How am I trying to solve it?

† How is God trying to help me solve it?

† How patient have I really been with God?

† How am I moving from trying to get instant relief to patience to perseverance?