



## ❖ MESSAGE NOTES

### GOOD FRUIT: Week 3 - Patience

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ~ Galatians 5:22-23*

*My brothers and sisters, consider it nothing but joy when you fall into all sorts of trials, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance.  
~ James 1:2-3*

**“Pressure propagates patience.” - Pastor G**

**“Patience is bitter but the fruit is sweet.” - Aristotle**

#### HUPOMONĒ ~ GREEK

“to remain under”, patience

#### MAKROTHUMIA ~ GREEK

“long temper”, patience

*The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some regard slowness, but is being patient toward you, because he does not wish for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. ~ 2 Peter 3:9*

**“The Lord was with Joseph.”**

**Emmanuel, means “God with us.”**

*As for you, you meant to harm me, but God intended it for a good purpose, so He could preserve the lives of many people, as you can see this day. ~ Genesis 50:20*

*And we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ~ Romans 8:28*

#### THREE LESSONS FROM JOSEPH

- 1) We see his complete trust and obedience to God.
- 2) We see Joseph's profound, God-given and trouble-earned, hupomonē patience.
- 3) We also see a makrothumia patience that allows him to forgive all the evil done to him.

## ❖ DIVE IN! ~ Discussion Questions

1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?

#### ◆ READ: James 1:2-3

1. With this in mind, are you able to consider your various trials of life with “nothing but joy?” Why or why not?
2. What is the upside of seeing our trials this way according to James?

#### ◆ READ: 2 Peter 3:9 (NET)

1. How are you inspired by Jesus' patience toward all the people who still reject Him and choose to live in sin?
2. When you think about the people who irritate or upset you are you inspired to be more patient with them as well?

#### ◆ READ: Genesis 50:20 (NET)

1. This is a powerful perspective from Joseph. Are you able to see your difficult situation with this same 50:20 vision? Why or why not?
2. Based on this verse why should you offer forgiveness to those you have been at odds with?

#### ◆ READ: Romans 8:28 (NET)

1. Does Paul say God causes all things to happen? Explain your answer.
2. Does Paul say God will take everything that happens and bring something good out of it? Explain your answer.
3. According to this verse, will God cause all things to work together for the good of everyone on earth, or are there conditions to whom this applies?

