



Day One

Listen to the episode. Read the following questions, and write your answers in the box provided.

Delayed gratification." Are you a person that wants satisfaction now, now, now? If so, why do you think that is? How is God speaking to you on this matter? Write some thoughts below.

Reflection: The Bible seems to assume that the Christian life will involve suffering and pain, out of which God will form character. See. 2 Cor 1.6; 1 Thess 1.3; 2 Tim 3.10; Rev 1.9. As you reflect on your own life, how is God bringing you to maturity? Are you grasping opportunities to be faithful and become more mature, or are you taking the easy way out? Ask God to show you areas of your life where he is challenging you to grow. Prayer.

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Patience. Why is patience such an important virtue in the Christian life? See Rom 8.24-25; Rom 12.12; Eph 4.2; 1 Tim 1.16; 2 Tim 4.2; Heb 6.15; 2 Peter 3.9. Write some thoughts below.

Reflection: Since patience is an important virtue, the inevitable question is "In what areas of your life is God teaching you patience?" Where is he stretching you? How are you growing, and in what areas is there still much room for improvement? Be honest before God. Confess your weaknesses. Choose one situation that is causing you immense frustration, and ask God for his guidance and his patience. Prayer.



Day Three

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What can you do when there is no justice or freedom? The individual has to fight for it. If we give in to the law that the strong devours the weak, then we reduce ourselves to the level of animals. That's intolerable. Jamal – Paradise Now. How do you respond to injustice in the world. Do you react with “compassion fatigue” (the problems are too large, I can't do anything!) or are you provoked into action to make things better in the world. Write down some thoughts.

Reflection: James' response to injustice and suffering is founded upon hope. He doesn't tell Christians not to take action, but at least in his letter, he tells the poor that God is their hope. Holding on to the Lord as their ultimate hope is the encouragement he believes provides the consolation they need. So . . . **“And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.** From Romans 5.2. What does it mean to boast in the hope of the glory of God? How important is the “hope of glory” to you? See Matt 12.22; Rom 8.24; Rom 12.12; 2 Cor 1.10; 2 Cor 3.12; Eph 1.17-19; Col 1.27. Meditate for a few minutes on the wonder of God's promise that ultimately he will triumph. One day, justice will replace injustice. Thank him for his goodness. Prayer.