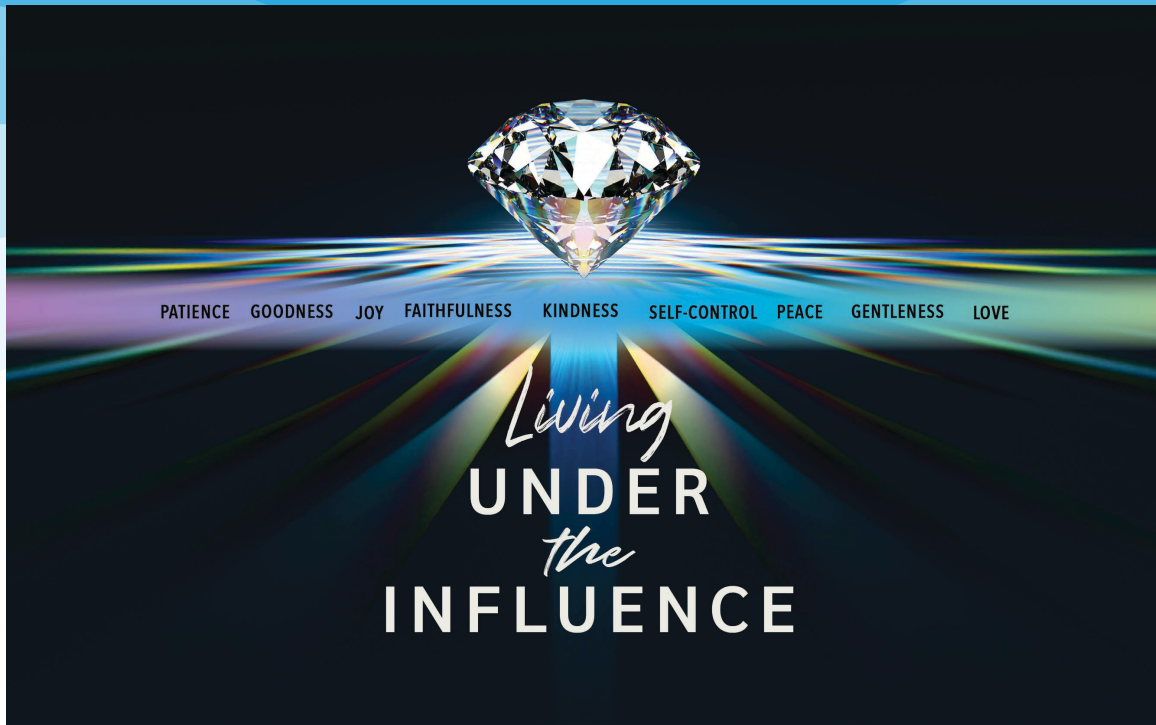




DAILY DEVOTIONAL

A 5-Day Reflection Guide

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LIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

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LIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

Week One – Patience

July 6th-10th, 2026

This Week's Big Idea: Patience is the fruit that gives every other fruit time to grow. When God planted His incorruptible seed in you, He didn't plant a finished harvest. He planted potential. Patience is confidence that God is working even when I can't yet see the fruit. Patience trusts God's process because it believes God's character is good.

Day One: The Seed Is Already in You

Today's Scripture

1 Peter 1:23 *For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

John 15:4–5 *Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me... Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.*

Today's Seed

One of my favorite things about planting a garden is also one of the hardest. Waiting. You prepare the soil. You carefully place the seed into the ground. You water it. Then you wait. The next morning you walk outside hoping to see something. Nothing. A few days later... Still nothing.

If all you could see was the surface, you'd probably conclude the seed wasn't working. But every experienced gardener knows something a beginner often forgets. Just because you can't see growth doesn't mean growth isn't happening. In fact, some of the most important work is taking place where no one can see it.

Roots are pushing downward.
The seed is opening.
Life is beginning.

It's the hidden work makes the visible harvest possible.

That's exactly how God works in us. Many of us become discouraged because we don't see immediate change.

We prayed for patience...Yet we still get frustrated.
We prayed for peace...Yet anxiety still knocks on our door.
We prayed for joy...Yet some days still feel heavy.

Then we wonder, *"Is God doing anything at all?"*

Peter answers that question with one incredible verse. When you were born again, God didn't simply forgive your sins. He planted something within you. An **imperishable seed**. Think about that. God didn't plant a weak seed. He didn't plant a damaged seed. He didn't plant a seed that might or might not survive. He planted His very life within you. That changes everything.

The fruit of the Spirit isn't God asking you to become someone you're not. It's God developing what He has already planted.

That's why Jesus never said, *"Try harder."* He said, *"Remain in Me."*

Branches don't produce fruit because they strain harder. They produce fruit because they stay connected. Our responsibility isn't to manufacture fruit. Our responsibility is to remain connected to the Vine while the Holy Spirit does His work. Maybe today you feel like you're not growing.

Let this truth encourage you today. Don't judge God's work by what you can see today. Some of His greatest work is happening beneath the surface. Stay connected. Stay planted. Trust the process. The fruit is coming.

Beneath the Surface

Peter describes the new birth as receiving an **imperishable** seed. The Greek word is **aphthartos** (ἄφθαρτος), meaning **incorruptible, incapable of decay, or unable to lose its life-giving power**.

In Peter's day, this was a striking picture. Farmers knew that not every seed was healthy. A diseased seed might never germinate. A weak seed produced a weak harvest. Peter intentionally removes that concern. God's seed never fails because of a defect in the seed.

Notice something else.

Peter doesn't say you've received better advice. Or better morals. Or even better religion. He says you've received **life**. Christianity isn't behavior modification. It's new creation. This also connects beautifully with Jesus' teaching in John 15. The branch doesn't struggle to manufacture grapes. Its only responsibility is to remain connected to the vine. The life of the vine naturally produces the fruit. Likewise, spiritual growth isn't primarily about striving. It's about abiding.

Don't miss this: ***The question isn't whether God's seed can produce fruit. The question is whether I'll stay connected long enough to let it grow.***

Tend the Garden

Take a few moments to honestly reflect.

1. Where am I most tempted to become discouraged because I don't see immediate spiritual growth?
2. Am I relying more on my own effort than on remaining connected to Christ?
3. What fruit do I most long to see God produce in my life during this series?
4. If I truly believed God's seed already contains everything necessary for the harvest, how would that change the way I approach today?

Water the Seed: Today's practice is intentionally simple.

Spend five uninterrupted minutes with Jesus. Don't bring a list of requests. Don't ask Him to fix anything. Simply thank Him for planting His life within you. As you go through your day, make this your confession: **"Lord, I will remain connected to You."**

Grow This in Me

Father,

Thank You for planting Your incorruptible life within me. Thank You that my hope doesn't rest on my ability to change myself, but on Your Spirit faithfully producing fruit as I remain connected to Jesus.

When I become discouraged by what I cannot see, remind me that You are always working beneath the surface. Give me the patience to trust Your process and the confidence to believe that every root You are growing today will someday become fruit that brings glory to You. Teach me to abide in Christ, to rest in Your presence, and to trust that You always finish what You begin.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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☐ Love

Tomorrow: Day Two — Trust the Process, Why does God always grow roots before fruit?

Remember...

God produces the fruit. We create the conditions. Stay connected to the Vine. Stay planted. Trust the process. The fruit is coming.

DAY TWO: Trust the Process

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 37:31 (NKJV) *"...They shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward."*

James 1:2–4 *...knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."*

Today's Seed

If you've ever watched HGTV or one of those home renovation shows, you know they rarely begin with the beautiful reveal. They begin with demolition. Walls come down. Floors are ripped up. Old wiring is removed. Dust fills the air, and... there's invariably some kind of problem they have to overcome!

If you walked in halfway through the project, you'd probably think, *"This house is getting worse, not better."* But the contractor sees something you don't. He isn't focused on the mess. He's focused on the finished home.

God often works the same way. When He plants His life within us, He doesn't immediately display the finished product. Instead, He begins working beneath the surface. Old attitudes are exposed. Hidden fears come to light. Pride is confronted. Trust is tested.

Not because He's making things worse...But because He's building something stronger.

Isaiah gives us a beautiful picture of this process: *"They shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward."* Notice the order. Roots first. Fruit second. We usually reverse that.

We pray, *"God, make me more loving."* *"Give me more joy."* *"Help me be more patient."* God responds, *"Let's grow some roots first."* Roots are hidden. No one applauds them. No one posts pictures of them. But without deep roots, there will never be lasting fruit.

One of the hardest truths to accept is this: God is often doing His deepest work in seasons that feel the least productive. Maybe that's where you are today. You don't feel like you're growing. You don't feel like you're making progress. Nothing seems to be changing.

Can I encourage you? Just because the work is hidden doesn't mean it isn't holy. God never wastes a season. Every delay. Every disappointment. Every unanswered question. Every moment of waiting. He can use it all to strengthen your roots. The process isn't getting in the way of your growth. The process **is** your growth.

Beneath the Surface

Isaiah spoke these words to the remnant of Judah after one of the nation's darkest seasons. They had experienced invasion, fear, and uncertainty. Yet God promised that His people would not merely survive—they would flourish again.

Notice the imagery: "Take root downward and bear fruit upward."

In the ancient Near East, deep roots were essential for survival. Israel's long, dry summers meant a plant with shallow roots could look healthy for a while but would quickly wither when the heat came. Deep roots allowed a tree to reach hidden sources of water that others could not.

That image appears throughout Scripture. The prophet isn't simply talking about agriculture. He's talking about spiritual resilience. God develops depth before He displays fruit.

James echoes the same truth in the New Testament. The word translated **"testing"** (Greek: **dokimion**) was used of refining metals. Gold wasn't tested to determine if it was genuine—it was heated so the impurities could be removed. Trials don't tell God what's in us. They reveal to us what He's refining within us.

Don't miss this: **God grows roots in private before He reveals fruit in public.**

Tend the Garden

Spend a few moments reflecting.

1. What season of your life feels like "hidden work" right now?
2. Where have you mistaken God's process for God's absence?
3. Looking back, can you identify a difficult season that eventually produced spiritual growth?
4. How would your attitude change if you believed God was growing roots today that would bear fruit tomorrow?

Water the Seed

Today, resist the temptation to rush something. When you're waiting in line...Sitting in traffic...Waiting for a meeting to begin...

Instead of reaching for your phone, simply whisper: **"Lord, grow my roots while I wait."** Turn an ordinary delay into an opportunity to practice patience.

Grow This in Me

Father,

Thank You for caring more about who I am becoming than how quickly I arrive. Forgive me for the times I've mistaken delay for abandonment or hidden work for inactivity. Help me trust that You are growing deep roots in my life, even when I can't yet see the fruit. Give me the courage to embrace Your process, knowing that everything You do is preparing me for what You have planned.

Teach me to value depth more than speed and faithfulness more than quick results.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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Tomorrow: Day Three — Waiting Is God's Classroom

Why would a loving God make Abraham wait twenty-five years, Jesus prepare for thirty years, and the disciples remain in the Upper Room before releasing them into ministry?

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DAY THREE: Waiting Is God's Classroom

Today's Scripture

James 1:2–4 (NKJV) *"...knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."*

Genesis 12:2–4; 21:1–2 *(God's promise to Abraham and its fulfillment.)*

Today's Seed

Have you ever noticed that God rarely seems to be in a hurry? We are, but God isn't.

We live in a world built around speed. Fast food. High-speed internet. Same-day delivery. Instant messaging.

We've become so accustomed to immediate results that waiting feels like something is wrong. Yet when you read Scripture, God consistently works at a different pace. He gives Noah the blueprint for an ark. Then Noah spends years building it. He promises Abraham a son. Then Abraham waits twenty-five years. Joseph receives dreams from God. Then spends years as a slave and a prisoner before becoming a ruler.

Even Jesus—the Son of God—spent thirty years preparing for three years of public ministry. If anyone could have skipped the process, it was Jesus. But God didn't bypass the process for His own Son. He embraced it. Why?

Because God is often more interested in who you're becoming than what you're receiving.

We usually focus on the promise. God focuses on the person. We ask, *"When will You change my circumstances?"* God asks, *"What am I changing in you?"*

Abraham certainly wanted a son. But God wasn't simply preparing Isaac. He was preparing Abraham to become the kind of father who could carry the promise. The waiting wasn't just about receiving a blessing. It was about becoming the person God wanted him to be.

This changes how we think about delays.

What if the season you've been trying to escape is actually the classroom where God is shaping your character? What if the waiting you've been resisting is producing something that couldn't be developed any other way?

James tells us that the testing of our faith produces patience. Not because God enjoys making us wait. But because patience produces maturity.

God never wastes a lesson.

Every season has a purpose.

Every delay has potential.

Every waiting room can become a classroom when we allow God to teach us.

Beneath the Surface

James says the **"testing"** of our faith produces patience. The Greek word is **dokimion** (δοκίμιον), a term used in the ancient world for testing precious metals.

Gold was heated in a furnace, not to discover whether it was genuine, but to remove impurities and strengthen its purity. ***The fire didn't create the gold—it revealed it.***

James intentionally uses this imagery because trials work the same way. They don't create faith from nothing; they expose, refine, and strengthen the faith God has already planted. This also helps explain why James says to "let patience have its perfect work." The word translated **perfect** is **teleios**, meaning *complete, mature, or brought to its intended end*. James isn't talking about sinless perfection. He's describing a believer who has been shaped into spiritual maturity.

God's goal isn't simply to make life easier. His goal is to make us more like Christ.

Don't miss this: **God doesn't test your faith because He doesn't know what's in you. He tests your faith so you can see what He's developing within you.**

Tend the Garden

Take some time to reflect honestly.

1. Where in your life do you feel like you've been "waiting" the longest?
2. Looking back, can you identify ways God has shaped your character through a difficult season?
3. Are you more focused on what you're asking God to do for you, or what He may be doing in you?
4. What would change if you began to see your current season as a classroom instead of a delay?

Water the Seed

The next time you're tempted to ask, **"Why is this taking so long?"** Pause and ask a different question: **"Lord, what are You teaching me while I wait?"** Write down whatever comes to mind.

You may discover that the lesson is more valuable than the timeline.

Grow This in Me

Father,

Thank You for never wasting a season of my life. Forgive me for the times I've been so focused on reaching the destination that I've missed what You wanted to teach me along the way. Help me to trust that every delay has a purpose and every challenge can become a classroom when I invite You into it. Grow my faith, strengthen my character, and teach me to value who I am becoming more than how quickly I arrive.

Give me the patience to remain teachable and the humility to believe that Your timing is always better than mine.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Take It with You

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Tomorrow

Day Four — Waiting Is Worship... and Waiting Is Power. What if waiting isn't passive? What if it becomes one of the greatest acts of faith and one of the places where God prepares us for His power?

Remember...

God produces the fruit. We create the conditions. Stay connected to the Vine. Stay planted. Trust the process. The fruit is coming.

DAY FOUR: Waiting Is Worship... Waiting Is Power

Today's Scripture

Acts 1:4–8 *"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised..."*

Isaiah 40:31 *"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength..."*

Today's Seed

Waiting has a way of making us uncomfortable. We don't mind waiting if we know exactly how long it will last. "Your table will be ready in fifteen minutes." "No problem." "The package will arrive Thursday." "Great."

It's the unknown that stretches us.

When we don't know **when** something will happen, we often begin to question **if** it will happen. That's why waiting can become one of the greatest tests of faith. But what if we've misunderstood waiting? What if waiting isn't simply the space between God's promise and its fulfillment? What if waiting is part of the fulfillment?

Think about the disciples. Jesus had risen from the dead. He had conquered sin and death. He had spent forty days teaching them about the Kingdom of God. If anyone was ready to launch a ministry, it was this group.

Yet Jesus gave them one unexpected command: **"Wait."**

Can you imagine their reaction? "Wait? We've already been waiting." "We left our jobs." "We've followed You for three years." "We watched You die." "We've seen You alive again." "What could possibly be left to wait for?" Jesus knew something they didn't. The Upper Room wasn't a delay. It was preparation.

Activity without the Holy Spirit would produce effort. Waiting with the Holy Spirit would produce power.

Sometimes we think waiting means God is withholding something from us. More often, He's preparing us for something greater than we can currently imagine. This was true long before the Upper Room.

Abraham waited.

Joseph waited.

David waited.

Even Jesus waited.

Thirty years of preparation before three years of public ministry. If the Son of God embraced God's timing, maybe waiting isn't a sign that something is wrong. Maybe it's evidence that God is working.

One of the most powerful truths I've learned is this: **Waiting isn't passive. Waiting is worship.** When I choose to trust God instead of taking control...I'm worshipping. When I refuse to manipulate circumstances because I believe God's timing is better than mine...I'm worshipping. When I surrender my schedule to His wisdom...I'm worshipping. Waiting declares, "God, I trust You more than I trust myself."

But waiting is something else, too. **Waiting is power.** The disciples walked into the Upper Room as followers. They walked out filled with the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaiming the gospel. Nothing about their location changed. Everything about their lives did. Sometimes the greatest work God accomplishes isn't changing our circumstances. It's changing us while we wait.

Beneath the Surface

When Isaiah wrote, *"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,"* the Hebrew word translated **"wait"** is **qāwâ (קָוָה)**. It means far more than simply passing time. It carries the idea of **hopeful expectation, confident trust, and even being intertwined together.**

The word was sometimes used of twisting strands together to make a strong rope. That's a beautiful picture. Biblical waiting isn't sitting alone hoping something eventually happens. It's becoming more tightly connected to God.

Luke uses a similar idea in Acts 1. Jesus didn't tell the disciples to hide because He wanted them inactive. He told them to remain together until they were clothed with power from on high. The waiting itself became an act of dependence. God often does His deepest work when we're tempted to think nothing is happening.

Don't miss this: **Waiting isn't God's way of keeping you from His best. Waiting is often God's way of preparing you for it.**

Tend the Garden

Spend a few moments reflecting.

1. What are you waiting for right now?
2. Have you been treating waiting as wasted time or as an opportunity to grow closer to God?
3. In what ways might God be preparing you for something instead of simply delaying you?
4. How could your waiting become an act of worship this week?

Water the Seed

Every time you find yourself waiting today—in line, in traffic, on hold, or for someone to arrive—don't reach for your phone first. Instead, quietly pray: **"Lord, while I'm waiting, teach me to worship."**

Turn every interruption into an invitation to meet with God.

Grow This in Me

Father,

Thank You for reminding me that waiting is never wasted when it is spent with You. Forgive me for seeing delays as obstacles instead of opportunities to know You more deeply.

Teach me to worship while I wait. Help me trust that Your timing is wiser than mine and Your preparation is always purposeful. As You strengthen my roots, prepare me for everything You have planned. May my waiting become an act of faith, my surrender become worship, and my dependence become the place where Your power is formed in me.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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Tomorrow

Day Five — Waiting with God The greatest difference isn't waiting for God—it's learning to wait with God. Discover how patience grows when relationship becomes more important than the outcome.

Remember... God produces the fruit. We create the conditions. Stay connected to the Vine. Stay planted. Trust the process. The fruit is coming.

DAY FIVE: Waiting **with** God

Today's Scripture

John 15:4–5 (NLT) *Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine... Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.*

Psalm 27:14 *Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.*

Today's Seed

If you've walked through this week with us, you've probably noticed something. God rarely seems to be in a hurry. We began by discovering that God planted an incorruptible seed within us. Then we learned that roots grow before fruit. We saw that waiting is God's classroom. Yesterday we discovered that waiting is worship and waiting is power.

Now we arrive at one final truth. Patience isn't really about waiting. It's about **Who you're waiting with.**

There's a big difference between waiting **for** someone and waiting **with** someone. Imagine sitting in a doctor's office waiting alone. Every minute feels longer than the last. Now imagine sitting there with someone you deeply love. The circumstances haven't changed. The room hasn't changed. The clock hasn't changed. **The experience has changed because you're no longer alone.**

That's the invitation Jesus gives in John 15. He never promised that life would move according to our schedule. He promised His presence. *"Remain in Me."*

Sometimes I think we spend so much time asking, "Lord, when will this season end?" that we miss the greater invitation: *"Will you stay close to Me while you're in it?"* Maybe that's why patience is listed among the fruit of the Spirit.

Patience isn't merely enduring time, it's enjoying relationship while time passes.

The greatest gift God gives us in waiting isn't the answer we've been praying for. It's Himself. Many of us can think of seasons we'd never choose to relive. Loss. Disappointment. Illness. Financial uncertainty. Broken relationships.

And yet, when we look back, we often say something surprising. *"I've never been closer to God than I was during that season."* Why?

Because waiting has a way of stripping away everything we normally depend on until all we have left is Jesus.

That's when we discover... He's enough. Perhaps patience isn't God's way of making us wait longer. Perhaps it's His way of inviting us to abide deeper. One day the prayer will be answered. One day the breakthrough will come. One day the harvest will appear. But don't rush past what God wants to grow today.

The greatest miracle may not be what happens at the end of your waiting. The greatest miracle may be the person you're becoming while you wait.

Stay connected, stay planted, the fruit is coming.

Beneath the Surface

In John 15, Jesus repeatedly uses the word **"remain."** The Greek word is **menō** (μένω), one of John's favorite words, appearing dozens of times in his Gospel and letters.

Menō means *to remain, continue, dwell, stay, or make your home.*

This isn't a picture of an occasional visit. It's the language of permanence. Jesus isn't inviting us to check in with Him when life becomes difficult. He's inviting us to build our lives in Him. Interestingly, Jewish rabbis often described disciples as those who "remained" with their teacher—living close enough to imitate not only what he taught, but how he lived.

Jesus takes that image even further. We don't merely remain **near** Him. We remain **in** Him. That relationship is where fruit grows. Don't miss this:

Don't miss this: **The secret to patience isn't learning to wait better. It's learning to remain closer.**

Tend the Garden

As you finish this week's journey, take a few moments to reflect.

1. Which truth from this week challenged or encouraged you the most?
2. Where have you been more focused on God's timetable than on God's presence?
3. How has your understanding of patience changed over the past five days?
4. What is one area where you sense God inviting you to trust Him more deeply?
5. As you prepare for next week, what fruit are you asking the Holy Spirit to continue growing in your life?

Water the Seed

This weekend, set aside fifteen uninterrupted minutes. Read John 15 slowly. Don't rush. Underline every time Jesus uses the word **"remain"** or **"abide."** Then simply sit quietly in God's presence. No agenda. No checklist. No requests. Just enjoy being with Him. Because that's what patience ultimately learns to do.

Grow This in Me

Father,

Thank You for walking with me through this week. Thank You for reminding me that spiritual growth is not something I accomplish but something You produce as I remain connected to Jesus. Teach me to treasure Your presence more than quick answers. Help me trust Your process because I know Your character is good. When I become impatient, draw me closer to Yourself instead of allowing me to drift toward frustration or fear.

May my life remain deeply rooted in Christ, so that in Your perfect time, the fruit You planted within me becomes visible to everyone around me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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Congratulations, you've Completed Week One! This week you've discovered that God planted His incorruptible seed within you. You've learned that roots always grow before fruit, that waiting is God's classroom, and that waiting becomes worship when we trust His timing. Most importantly, you've seen that patience isn't passive endurance—it's confident trust in the goodness of God.

Now the journey continues.

Next Sunday LIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE – Week Two Goodness

Next Week's Big Idea: Goodness is the visible evidence of God's character at work in us. Moses asked to see God's glory, and God revealed His goodness. God's goodness is not merely something we experience; it is something we are called to reflect. Because we trust that God is good, we can trust His process. And because His incorruptible seed lives in us, His goodness should become visible through us. Goodness enlarges people's view of God.

Join us next Sunday as we continue our journey through the Fruit of the Spirit. Remember...

God produces the fruit. We create the conditions. Stay connected to the Vine. Stay planted. Trust the process. The fruit is coming.