SAVOURING OUR SAVIOUR RIPE 'N' READY PATIENCE

READ: (Galatians 5:22-23 & James 5:7-11)

The 28th USA President Woodrow Wilson famously stated, "All things come to those who wait, providing they know what they are waiting for."

- Q. IS there anything you are still waiting for and DO you think waiting for it has impacted your life in anyway?
- Q. HOW would you describe a patient person?
- Q. WHAT are some of the things that try your patience?
- Q. WHY do you think patience is a fruit of the Holy Spirit?

(James 5:7-11)

- Q. Twice in these verses James says that Jesus is coming back, HOW does this fact help to produce patience in us?
- Q. In WHAT ways do farmers need to exercise patience, and HOW is that illustrative of what the Spirit does in us?
- **Q.** If patience is both a command given us by James here and a fruit of the Holy Spirit, HOW do these two ideas fit together?
- **Q.** HOW does impatience lead to *grumbling* and WHAT according to James (Vs9) is the danger of doing that?
- Q. HOW do we tend to respond to our waiting times?
- **Q.** In WHAT way is Job such a good example of patience, especially where it tests our faith to do so?
- **Q.** Outside of Job, WHAT other prophets or people in Old Testament times demonstrate the true value of patience?

- Q. WHAT advantages are there to being patient? (Proverbs 15:18 & 16:32 & Romans 5:3-4)
- Q. HOW do you think being told (Vs.11b) that "The Lord is full of compassion and mercy" might encourage the call to persevere and not to give in when the going get tough and the waiting gets long? (1 Corinthians 15:58)

As this is the week of Royal Jubilee - WHY not share one glorious time from her 70 years reign - WHEN something you were waiting for arrived to both bless and uplift you.

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