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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01 Print the PDF.

-or-

02 Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

-or-

03 Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of June 19th // Conversation: June 25th

The Fruit of the Spirit - Patience

At Gateway, we're focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit. This devotional will help you explore one part of that fruit - Patience.

pray.



Take a moment to quiet your mind and settle into your time with the Lord. Pray that He would speak to you directly, right where you are in your walk with Him. Ask Him to guide you in all truth and show you wonderful things from His law. Time spent with the Lord is NEVER wasted and it never returns void.

observe.

Gal 5:22 (ESV)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

In Galatians 5:22, the word for patience can also be translated as "longsuffering". In the Greek, the word is "makrothymia". It means endurance, constancy, steadfastness, and perseverance.

- 01** Using your favorite color, mark any reference to God or the Lord with a .
- 02**  any mention of the word patience/patient. This is our Greek word, "makrothymia".

Romans 2:4 (NLT)

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT)

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. ¹³ Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

2 Tim 4:2 (NLT)

Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

James 5:10-11 (NLT)

¹⁰ For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

1 Peter 3:18-20 (ESV)

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

2 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him

apply.

- 01** Did you learn something new today about patience? Write it down.
- 02** What did you learn about the patience of God today? How does your heart respond to our patient and longsuffering Lord?
- 03** Do you think the patience mentioned above is something we have to produce on our own? Is it up to you and your efforts to try harder and just be more patient? If not, where do you think it comes from? If you're not sure, or you can't verbalize a response, put a pin in this question and see if you get more insight on Sunday.

bring it together.

Patience, longsuffering, endurance, perseverance...these are all things that do not come naturally to us, do they?

Don't let today's devotional make you feel down. If you feel like you've fallen short, that's okay! It's not up to you to magically become more patient overnight! This is one part of the fruit of the Spirit that God will grow in you as you walk with Him.

Using the list you made, pray to God and talk to Him about where you're at with patience. If you need to confess anything, take the time to tell God anything that comes to mind. Ask Him to grow patience inside of you through His Holy Spirit.

Stay tuned for more on this topic during Sunday's conversation!

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We are available to answer any questions you might have.

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