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We Wait It Out and Get Left Behind

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"The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. **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 5:16-23 NIV)

4 of God's Greatest Gifts

Love is the soul's **energy**.

Joy is the soul's **strength**.

Peace is the soul's **anchor**.

Patience is the soul's **endurance**.

3 Things Patience Is NOT

Patience Is Not **Laziness**.

"Laziness lets the roof leak, and soon the rafters begin to rot."
(Eccl 10:18)

Patience Is Not **Passivity**.

". . . but the people who are loyal to their God shall stand firm and take action." (Dan 11:32)

Patience Is Not **Resignation**.

3 Things to Do While Waiting

Since life is a **marathon**, we learn **pacing**.

"Since we have such a huge crowd of men of faith watching us from the grandstands, let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and **let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.**" (Heb 12:1)

Since life is about **advancing**, we learn **bracing**.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

Since life is about **getting back up**, we learn **gracing**.

"If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope." (Psa 130:3-5)