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I. WHEN TO BE PATIENT

•WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE UNCONTROLLABLE.

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•WHEN PEOPLE ARE UNCHANGEABLE

James 5:10 NIV *Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.*

•WHEN PROBLEMS ARE UNEXPLAINABLE

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II. WHY BE PATIENT?

1. BECAUSE GOD IS IN CONTROLL

James 5:8 NIV *You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near.*

2. BECAUSE GOD REWARDS PATIENCE.

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III. HOW TO BE PATIENT

(What to do while you're waiting on God)

1. WAIT EXPECTANTLY (vs. 7)

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Isa 49:23b GNB *Then you will know that I am the LORD; no one who waits for my help will be disappointed."*

2. WAIT QUIETLY (vs.9)

Lam 3:26 GNB *So it is best for us to wait in patience---to wait for him to save us---*

Hab 2:3 CEV *At the time I have decided, my words will come true. You can trust what I say about the future. It may take a long time, but keep on waiting-- it will happen!*

3. WAIT CONFIDENTLY (vs. 11b)

Mic 7:7 CEV *But I trust the LORD God to save me, and I will wait for him to answer my prayer.*

Psa 37:7 CEV *Be patient and trust the LORD. Don't let it bother you when all goes well for those who do sinful things.*

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