

# RULE OF LIFE

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## Rule of Patience July 17, 2022

**Speaker:** Dr. Richard Foth

**Scripture:** James 5:1-11

**Sermon Overview:** We live in a fast-paced culture that tends to remove us from the slower processes of waiting patiently and persevering through difficult times. Patience is the ability to tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. While we cannot control everything around us, we can control ourselves and allow time for patience to develop. God is our best example of patience, and when we lean into Him, He builds our capacity for patience. When times are hard, James encourages us to stand firm, be patient, and persevere.

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. What are the rules (core beliefs, values, and practices) you want to live your life by?
2. How does the quote from G.K Chesterton impact you? *“The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.”*

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. While our culture demands fast results and conveniences, we can choose to operate with a Biblical culture of patience towards people. How would that change the environment around us?
2. How can we model that for others (ex.family members, children, coworkers)?

3. What matters in our lives requires both patience and perseverance. While we decide to persevere through hard times, the Holy Spirit also grows the fruit of patience in us. What people would you like to ask God to help you be more patient with?
4. What circumstances in your life do you recognize as areas to apply perseverance?

### **Digging Deeper:**

- If you are walking through a difficult time, write out James 1:2-5 and place it in a visible area as a reminder to wait on God and trust Him for a harvest in His timing.
- We often learn about perseverance while going through a trial. Reflect in your quiet time with God on areas He has helped you learn patience and perseverance. As you pray, thank Him for walking with you through those times and for the harvest that came in time.

### **Practical Application:**

- Tune in to NCC Daily–Deep-dive the book of James through short teachings M-F. Get NCC Daily on our app or at [ncc.re/daily](http://ncc.re/daily).
- Join a small group [ncc.re/groups](http://ncc.re/groups) to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).