

STUDY GUIDE: Our Great Exchange
Week #5 | Commitment
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This in-depth video-based study explores why our almighty God entrusts us to be managers of - and collaborators in - his restoration project.

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INTRODUCTION

- Being a good steward means committing oneself for the long haul. Stewardship requires hope and patience and a belief that even the smallest faithful action today can have immense consequences tomorrow.

Today's video asks the question: How long are we willing to wait to see the fruit of what God has called you to?

WATCH VIDEO

CHAT

- How do you feel about being patient? Are there times when patience has paid off? How do you respond when you don't see fruit from your effort?
- When you don't see fruit from your stewardship do you start to question if God will keep his promises?
- What do think about the small group from the video? What do you think about their initial lack of clarity?
- How can you "do life with those God has given you? Mother Theresa once said that her job wan not to be successful but to be faithful. What is the difference? How does this sit with you?

READ & DISCUSS

We often think that when we answer "here I am" we will see immediate action in our lives and in the lives of those around us and yet scripture paints a vastly different picture. Liske mentions the story of Simeon but there are others...

Read Genesis12:1-4; 17:1-19

- Do the math - How long did Abraham and Sarah wait to see fruit from their stewardship?
- How do you feel about the fact that they were so faithful to answer God's call and then... nothing seemed to happen?

-How did Abraham and Sarah respond during this time? Did they practice “habits of grace”? (If you want you can go back and scan the chapters between 12-17 to catch glimpses of their journey.)

APPLY

“Are we there yet?....Are we there yet?....Are we there yet? When it comes to God’s designs, how many of us play the part of the impatient five-year old in the back seat? As stewards we are workers in God’s purposes, but we are not the designers of God’s purposes. His purposes will unfold according to his timetable. Patience is one virtue that God is trying to sew into us by making us stewards in his (sometimes painfully slow) purposes. This week how is God calling you to be patient - to practice habits of grace?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

