

## **SOP: The Practice of Patience**

### **Demonstrated toward us—it is the Nature of God**

- God is Creator/Designer (He knows how long it takes for someone or something to come to maturity ( It takes 22-60 days for radishes to grow from seed to harvest. An oak tree typically reaches maturity and starts producing acorns when it's around 30-40 years old)
- When God answers prayer, we often receive His answer in seed form. Some of us are expecting fruit, so we don't realize He has already given us His answer—and we need to learn to be gardeners.
- Faith is the pregnancy of God's Word /promises in our heart—patience is required to navigate the period of gestation—so that our faith might bear its' fruit.

**II Peter 3:8-9**

**I Peter 3:20**

**Habakkuk 2:3**

**Romans 2:4**

**Revelation 2:21**

### **What it Produces**

- **It yields the produce of our faith+waiting ; allows us to wait for the Lord's timing (how we carry a 'promise' to term)**  
**James 5:7-8**  
**Hebrews 10:37-38**
- **Able to receive the reward**  
**Hebrews 6:13-15**  
**II Corinthians 1:6**

### **When we Demonstrate it**

**Romans 12:12**

**Hebrews 10:36 (amp)**

**II Timothy 2:24**

**Psalms 37:7**

**I Thessalonians 5:14**

### **Consider the times/places where waiting/patience/longsuffering—are required:**

conception—————-birth  
betrothal—————-wedding  
sowing—————-reaping  
seed—————-fruit  
mourning—————-dancing/rejoicing  
wound—————-healing  
promise—————-fulfillment