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Series: I Want to Know What Love Is
Part 2: Love is Patient
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1. Are you patient by nature? Have you become more patient through the years? On a patience scale of 1 to 10 where would you put yourself?
2. Greeks have four different words for the word love. What are they and the translation in English? (**Storge (Affection Love); Phileo (Friendship/Brotherly love); Eros (Romantic Love); Agape (Divine Love).**)
3. What is the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22? (**“Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.”**)
4. How is demonstrating the fruit of the Spirit more like an apple growing on a tree than a list of good attributes we strive to attain? (**An apple doesn’t say, “I HAVE to grow”; it just does because it’s part of the tree, its source.**)
5. Read the definition of Agape Love found in I Corinthians 13:4-7). What is the one word that sums up Agape Love? (**Selflessness**). How can we obtain such love? (**By Jesus dwelling and reigning in our lives.**)
6. How is Jesus the epitome of the qualities listed in I Corinthians 13:4-7?
7. Give an example of patience demonstrating love?
8. How do you react when someone yells at you? Have you found it true that “a gentle answer turns away wrath” (Proverbs 15:1)?
9. What are some things in our lives today that cultivate impatience?
10. Abraham had to wait a very long time for the son God promised him. Waiting seems to be a motif of life in God. What are other biblical examples of waiting? (**Jacob waiting for Rachel, the Hebrews marching in the desert forty years, God’s people waiting for the Messiah.**)
11. What have you waited for? What did the waiting accomplish in you?
12. How did Jesus show patience with people?
13. How have you been patient this week?
14. Who besides God has loved you with agape love? How has this changed you?