MANNA CHURCH HAWAIʻI - SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

November 8 , 2026 | Built Different pt. 9 “The 2-sided coin”

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: What's something you were nervous or scared to do but are now glad you pushed yourself to do?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:

Our culture often teaches us to expect things quickly, but the things that matter most in life require patience. Marriage, parenting, relationships, and walking through difficult seasons all require us to learn how to wait without giving up. In James 5:7-11, we are reminded to be patient like a farmer waiting for a harvest and to endure through hardship without giving in to frustration or complaining. Patience means staying steady when things take longer than we hoped, when people disappoint us, and when life doesn't go according to our plans.

But patience is only one side of the coin. The other side is courage. James 1:2-4 teaches us that trials test our faith and produce endurance, shaping us into people who are mature and complete. Hebrews 10:35-36 reminds us that we need endurance to continue doing God's will and receive what He has promised. This isn't about sitting back and waiting for God to do everything. It means continuing to do what is right, even when it's uncomfortable, difficult, or uncertain. Courage is choosing to take the next step and do what God asks despite our fears.

Joshua 1:1-9 shows us how patience and courage work together. As Joshua prepared to lead God's people into the promised land, God repeatedly told him to be strong and courageous, reminding him that He would be with him wherever he went. Living by faith means trusting that God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. We need the courage to take God at His Word and the patience to keep walking with Him until His promises come to pass. Being built different means learning to stay faithful through the waiting while having the courage to move forward when God calls us.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. Share one thing that stood out to you from the message or the summary?
2. What area of your life is requiring you to be patient right now, whether it's a relationship, a goal, a difficult season, or waiting on God?
3. James 1:2-4 reminds us that challenges can develop endurance and maturity. How have you seen a difficult season strengthen your faith or shape who you are today?
4. Joshua 1:9 reminds us to be strong and courageous because God is with us. Is there something God is asking you to do that requires courage, even though you feel uncertain or afraid? What is one step you can take this week to move forward in faith?

PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

- Pray that God would help us remain steady and gracious when life takes longer than expected, when relationships are difficult, and when we face disappointment (James 5:7-11).
- Pray that our challenges would strengthen our faith, develop maturity, and help us keep doing what is right even when life is uncomfortable or difficult (James 1:2-4; Hebrews 10:35-36).
- Pray for the courage to trust God's Word, step out in faith, and obey what He is calling us to do, knowing He is with us wherever we go (Joshua 1:1-9).

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MANNAYOUTH DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER QUESTIONS: What's something you were nervous or afraid to try at first, but now you're really glad you did?

MESSAGE SUMMARY & SCRIPTURES:
We live in a world where we want everything right away. We want good grades, answered texts, better friendships, wins in sports, and our plans to work out when we want them to. But some of the most important things in life take time. Building strong friendships, working through family struggles, improving at something, and growing in our faith all require patience. James 5:7-11 reminds us to be like a farmer who patiently waits for a harvest. Patience means not giving up when things take longer than expected, when people frustrate us, or when life doesn't go the way we planned. It's choosing to keep trusting God and doing what is right, even when we don't see results right away.

But patience isn't the only thing we need. We also need courage. James 1:2-4 teaches us that challenges can strengthen our faith and help us grow into more mature people. Hebrews 10:35-36 reminds us to keep going and not give up, especially when doing the right thing is difficult. Maybe it takes courage to stand up for someone being bullied, say no when friends pressure you to make a bad choice, apologize when you've hurt someone, or keep working hard in school when you're struggling. Courage doesn't mean you aren't afraid. It means choosing to take the next right step even when you are afraid or unsure of what will happen.

Joshua 1:1-9 shows us how patience and courage work together. When Joshua was given the responsibility of leading God's people, he probably felt overwhelmed and unsure. But God repeatedly told him to be strong and courageous because He would be with him wherever he went. Living by faith means trusting that God is who He says He is and that He will keep His promises. We need patience to keep trusting Him when we are waiting, and courage to move forward when He asks us to take a step. Being built different doesn't mean life will always be easy. It means we keep showing up, trusting God, and doing what is right even when things get hard.

GOING DEEPER: (break up into groups of no more than 4-6 for discussion)

1. What is one thing from the message or summary that stood out to you?
2. What is something in your life that requires patience right now? Maybe it's a friendship, something happening at home, school, sports, a personal goal, or waiting for God to answer a prayer.
3. James 1:2-4 reminds us that challenges can help us grow stronger in our faith and become more mature. Can you think of a difficult situation that taught you something about yourself or helped you grow?
4. Joshua 1:9 reminds us to be strong and courageous because God is with us. Is there something you know is the right thing to do, but you're nervous or afraid to do it? Maybe it's having an honest conversation, standing up for a friend, making a different choice, or stepping out of your comfort zone. What is one step you can take this week?

PRAYER POINTS: (break up into groups of 2-3 for prayer):

● Pray that God would help us stay patient and trust Him when things don't happen as quickly as we want, when friendships or family relationships are difficult, and when we feel frustrated or disappointed (James 5:7-11). ● Pray that God would use the hard things we face at school, at home, with friends, and in life to strengthen our faith and help us keep doing what is right even when it's not easy (James 1:2-4; Hebrews 10:35-36). ● Pray that God would give us courage to stand up for what's right, make choices that honor Him, and take steps of faith even when we're scared or uncertain, remembering that He is always with us (Joshua 1:1-9).

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Referenced Scripture: James 5:7-11 CSB, Joshua 1:1-9

_____ = *Gracefulness, graciousness and steadiness in the face of delayed gratification; delayed hopes; deep disappointments.*

Four Kinds of Patience

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

James 1:2-4 *Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, [3] because you know that the testing of your faith produces **endurance**. [4] And let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.*

Hebrews 10:35-36 CSB *So don't throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. [36] For you need **endurance**, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised.*

_____ is the ability to do the right thing despite real feelings of fear and/or uncertainty.

Everything with God is accessed through _____.

_____ = *Living as if God is who He says He is and He will do what He says He will do*

Courageous Patience = *Actively taking every necessary step in_____ that it will lead to the fulfillment of the _____of God.*

We need the courage to_____ God at His Word

AND

the patience to _____ with God until He brings His Word to pass.

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