

Piddock Clam - 1mm/month. Years to decades to make a home, do more work as they grow.

PATIENCE TODAY
from who tested.

What kind of person did Jesus die for you to become?

Has God taken into account our imperfections and sin and the brokenness of the world in this calling?

Establish (strengthen, fix, set) your heart (seat of affections and being)

ESTABLISH HEARTS FOR PATIENT WAITING (JAMES 5:7-8)

QUOTES - Are we more or less patient than we were 20 years ago? We are not victims - God had 2026 in mind.

Not all patience is equal. Waiting at the DMV is not this.

Waiting for the coming of the Lord - less waiting for Jesus to come back, more living in light of this reality. Spotlight, not a finish line.

We aren't called to be patient by waiting around, we are called to be patient by establishing our hearts

Established hearts wait for the best thing

Boring patiently, bit by bit - Lego spirituality

ESTABLISH HEARTS FOR POSTURED ENDURING (JAMES 5:9-11)

Safeway aisle - huffing and puffing - Posture matters as we wait.

What we are waiting for determines our endurance. If we are postured toward immediate and earthly, we will grumble and complain.

James references Job and calls us all to remember what we have seen and know of the Lord - Not perfection, but a posture.

He is the one who works all things for good, who is compassionate, and merciful - do we want him?

Established hearts are pointed towards the best thing

Boring into what can hold us. Instead of what easily crumbles or is too tough to work with.

ESTABLISH HEARTS FOR PURIFIED LIVING (JAMES 5:12)

Jesus taught on this. Character matters.

MAYBE BUT NOT / no commitment
bug away

Established hearts live in light of the best thing

John 15:4-5 - 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Once abiding in the rock, growth and maturity. We want to mature and then abide. Doesn't work.