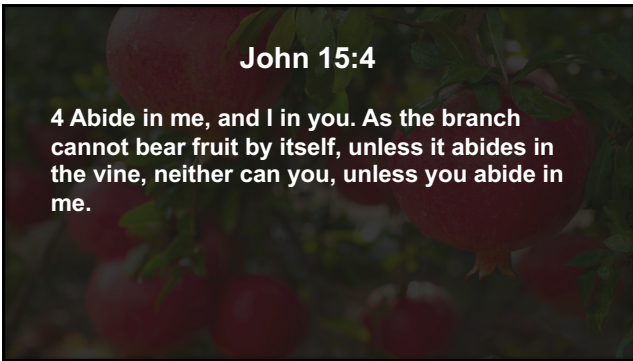
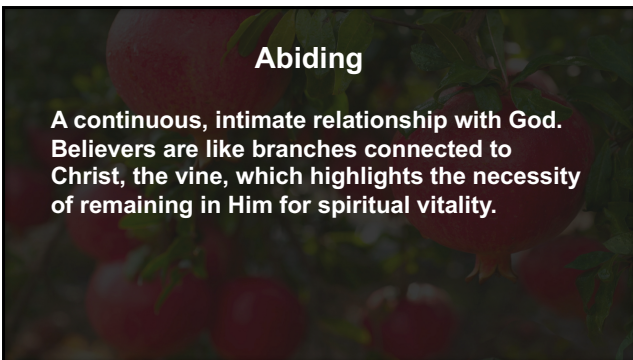




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Galatians 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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Patience

the ability to endure hardships, suffering, or delays with a peaceful and joyful spirit. Patience reflects steadfastness and perseverance while waiting on God by a determination of the will and not simply under necessity.

Patience = Peace + Endurance

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Revelation 14:12

ESV 12 Here is a call for the **endurance** of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

NIV: This calls for **patient endurance** on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.

NKJV: Here is the **patience** of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

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Patient Endurance

hupōmōnē, hoop-om-on-ay'; cheerful (or hopeful) endurance, constancy:—enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting).

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James 5:7-9

7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. **8** You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. **9** Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

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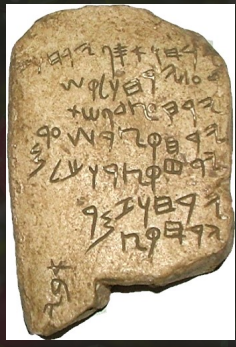
The Farmer Analogy

Ancient Hebrews lived off the land. The Hebrew word for 'man' is adam; the word for 'earth' is adamah. The Hebrews were farmers (Cain), and nomadic herders (Abel).

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The Farmer's Check List

- Aug - Sept was harvest
- Oct - Nov for planting
- Feb - cultivation of flax
- Mar - the barley harvest



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1 Samuel 12:17-18

17 Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call upon the Lord, that he may send thunder and rain. And you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the Lord, in asking for yourselves a king." 18 So Samuel called upon the Lord, and the Lord sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people greatly feared the Lord and Samuel.

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Matthew 24:32-33

32 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

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Autumn Rains are Soil Preparation

"autumn rains" or the early rains, occur in October and November, crucial for preparing the soil and supporting the initial growth of crops. This timing is essential for farmers as they plant their seeds.

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Agricultural Feasts of Old Testament

Passover and Unleavened Bread	Beginning of the barley harvest.
Pentecost (Fifty days) The Feast of Weeks	Beginning of the wheat harvest.
The Feast of Tabernacles or Ingathering	When the harvest was complete.

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The Farmer Analogy

1. Farmer knows the soil and seasons
2. Farmer knows the sowing/reaping takes time
3. Farmer knows the confirming signs (Rains)
4. Farmer knows of the valuable result
5. Therefore, he is willing to wait patiently

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Patience is Nurtured

Patience is the fruit of the Spirit that is nurtured by watching and praying while we wait upon the Lord.

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Luke 21:36

36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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Matthew 26:40-41

40 And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? **41** Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

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James 5:10-11

10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

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John 15:4

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.

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