

## SERMON: LOVE IS ... Patient (1 Samuel 13:1-13)

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Saul was not patient in waiting for Samuel to make a burnt offering and give him a word from the Lord. Because of Saul's lack of patience, Israel's kingship was lost to his family. Impatience results in loss. This is why God is so patient with us – because He wants to keep us (cf. 2 Peter 3:9)!

*“The love of Christ compels us, since we have reached this conclusion: If one died for all, then all died. And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and was raised.” – 2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

### Love Compels Us ...

2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Patience is better than \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 16:32

*“Go ahead of me to Gilgal. I will come to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice fellowship offerings. Wait seven days until I come to you and show you what to do.” – 1 Samuel 10:8*

The future of \_\_\_\_\_ nation is on the line.

1 Samuel 13:1-8

*Saul said, “Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings.” Then he offered the burnt offering. – 1 Samuel 13:9*

Saul has an \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ problem.

1 Samuel 13:9-13

### Why Patience Matters

1. Patience improves \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Patience enhances \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 27:14

3. Patience demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_.

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. – Romans 5:6*

### Questions for individual or group reflection:

What is one of your worst stories where you or someone else was impatient?

Why do you think people are generally impatient?

Why might God want us to be patient?

If Proverbs 16:32 says patience is better than power, why do you think we often choose power over patience?

Read 1 Samuel 13:1-13. What was Saul's big mistake? What did it say about Saul's heart?

How does patience make things better?

How does it enhance trust?

How does patience demonstrate love?

What are some areas where God is leading you to show more patience?

*Pray: Lord, forgive us for impatience. Convict us Lord that our impatience really represents distrust in You. Help us instead to be compelled by Christ's Love. May His Love be so transformative in our lives that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him and those He calls us to love. Teach us to learn how to Love like You, God – beginning with being patient. Thank you for being patient with us as we learn. In Jesus' Name. Amen!*

**Do: Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life in at least one area.**

Taking it home / Memory Verse: *“Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the LORD.” – Psalm 27:14*





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... **the Better Way**  
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**Christ's** Love Compels Us ...

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2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15

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**1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A**

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Patience is better than power.

PROVERBS 16:32a



The Philistines gathered to fight against Israel:  
**three thousand** chariots, **six thousand**  
horsemen, and troops as **numerous** as the  
sand on the seashore.

1 SAMUEL 13:5

Saul chose **three thousand men** from Israel for himself: two thousand were with Saul at Michmash and in Bethel's hill country, and one thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin.

1 SAMUEL 13:2A



“Go ahead of me to Gilgal. I will come to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice fellowship offerings. **Wait seven days until I come to you** and show you what to do.”

1 SAMUEL 10:8

He waited seven days for the appointed time that Samuel had set, but Samuel didn't come to Gilgal, and **the troops were deserting him.**

1 SAMUEL 13:8



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1 SAMUEL 13:9

Saul has an authority and  
a trust problem!

<sup>10</sup> **Just as** he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. So Saul went out to greet him, <sup>11</sup> and Samuel asked, “What have you done?”

1 SAMUEL 13:10-12

Saul answered, “When I saw that the troops were deserting me and you didn’t come within the appointed days and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash, <sup>12</sup> I thought, ‘The Philistines will now descend on me at Gilgal, and I haven’t sought the LORD’s favor.’ So **I forced myself** to offer the burnt offering.”

1 SAMUEL 13:10-12

Samuel said to Saul, “You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you. It was at this time that **the LORD would have** permanently established your reign over Israel.”

1 SAMUEL 13:13

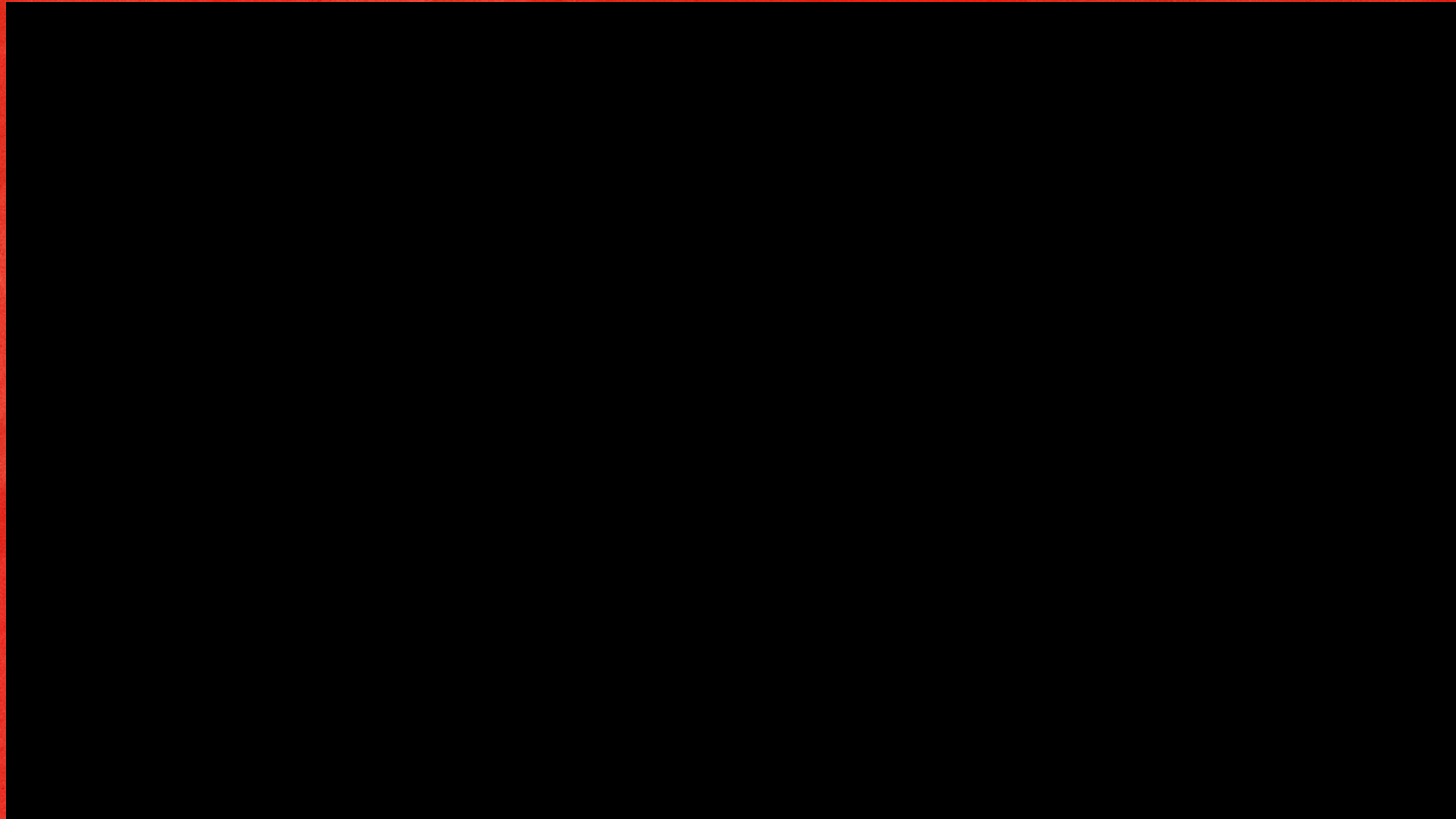
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PSALM 27:14

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Patience improves quality.

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Patience demonstrates love.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. **Instead he is patient with you**, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 PETER 3:9 (NIV)

You see, **at just the right time**, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

ROMANS 5:6 (NIV)