

Patient in the Wilderness

Growing Off the Grid

Week 2

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1 Samuel 24:1–7

Patience in the wilderness means trusting God's timing more than your own opportunity.

1. The Wilderness Exposes Our _____.

2. Patience Protects Our _____.

In Scripture, a robe often represents position, identity, and authority. Saul is the king, and his robe is a visible sign of his royal office. So, when David cuts off the corner of Saul's robe, it is not just a random piece of fabric. It is a symbolic and visible act that says, in effect:



Integrity is doing the right thing when you have the chance to do the wrong thing, and nobody would blame you.

God was not only preparing a throne for David. God was preparing David for the throne.

3. Patience Trusts God with the _____.

Biblical patience is active trust when you cannot yet see the outcome.

Questions for Further Study

1. David had an opportunity to take matters into his own hands. What are some situations where an “open door” may not actually be God’s will?
2. Pastor Nate said in the sermon, **“Patience in the wilderness means trusting God’s timing more than your own opportunity.”** Where do you currently find that difficult?
3. Why do you think David’s men were so convinced that this was the moment God had given Saul into David’s hands?
4. David cut the corner of Saul’s robe and then became conscience-stricken. Why do you think even that small act bothered him?
5. How might God use seasons of waiting to prepare us for what He has promised or placed ahead of us?