Produce in Me – Patience

Raise your hand if you love sitting in traffic! Recently I moved out of my parent's house and into a place farther away from the church where I work. I now sit in my car for double the amount of time each day. Since it is summer in Oregon, road work happens everywhere, causing endless traffic jams and waiting.

Instead of getting frustrated, upset, and mad while I am stuck in the car, I decided to turn those times into a special moments of prayer. I turn the music off, and simply talk to God. He takes away the frustrations of waiting, and I get to spend beautiful time with Him on the road.

When I see the orange cones and signs saying, "Road work ahead," I realize it is God performing some major construction on my heart as He teaches me how to wait with patience.

P.E.A.R. = Patience empowers all relationships

Empowers means to give authority or to allow, and it also means to make stronger or more confident.

Patience allows our most important relationship with God to become more confident and powerful. We have a stronger relationship with Him when we have patience to wait for all He is doing in our lives. Patience also allows our relationships with those around us to improve. When we have patience in our relationships with family and friends in patience, God is glorified.

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, give us Your divine patience in our relationships. Help us to have patience in waiting for all You are doing in our lives. Thank You, Lord, for your patience with us. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Going deeper:

- Read Psalm 25:4-5. Draw a picture of your car to remind you to have patience as God reveals the next road you are supposed to follow.
- Read and journal Ephesians 4:2. How can you put that verse into practice today?
- What fruit takes patience to eat? Grab that fruit for a snack today and reflect on where God is asking you to have patience in life right now.

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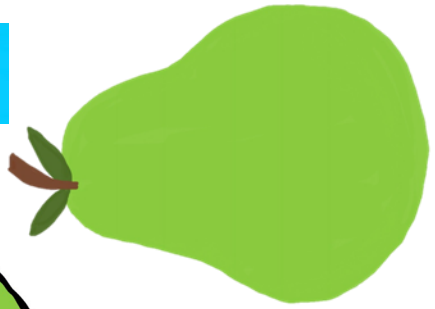

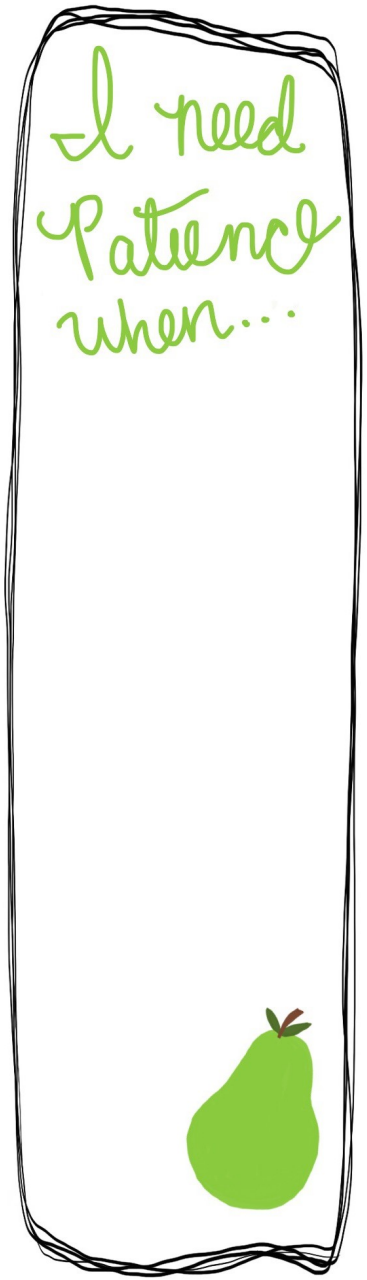
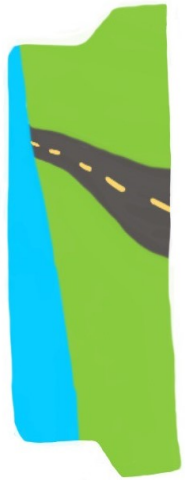
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