Peeled – Week 4

Patience

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* With people.

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.   
Ephesians 4:2*

* In circumstances.

Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.   
 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. Romans 5:3-5

1. When being patient, do not grumble.

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*Do everything without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14*

1. Three things to remember:

* God is patient.

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9*

* You are not alone.

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* It is not over yet.

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