

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Would you consider yourself a patient person? Why or why not?

LEARN & APPLY

Sometimes God does works of immediate healing. Reread Luke 4:31-41; the story that started this series.

- What kinds of things does Jesus do in this story? What is the result?
- Have you ever seen God do something sudden and miraculous? Share the story.

Often God works in our lives over a period of time. The Old Testament Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the promised land. Recovery from addiction is one contemporary example.

- Do you think you're in any kind of journey like this now?
- What are you learning about God through this experience?

Sometimes God's work in our lives is to give us strength for endurance rather than to rescue us from something. Read 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 for a famous example in the life of the Apostle Paul.

- According to Paul, why did God not take away his affliction?
- What did God teach him?
- Do you think you have this kind of experience in your life? What is God teaching you?

PRAY

We learned in this week's message about God's uncontrollable power. Pray for one another today and ask for God's saving power to work in your life; knowing that we cannot control how or when God will answer our prayers.