



# Welcome!

## November 11, 2018

"If the Son sets you free... you are free indeed!"

-John 8:36

Nursery (up to 2 years) is available during the entire service.  
Kids (3 years old through Kindergarten) are dismissed after music.

### Our Worship Gathering

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship  
Worship

Come, Now is the Time to Worship  
Amazing Grace  
Open the Eyes of My Heart

Offering

Dismiss for KidzKorner

Preparatory Worship

Build My Life

Prayer

Message: "A Fruitful Life: Patience"  
Pastor Scott

Closing Song

I Have Decided

Prayer

*Please join us for fellowship and food in the foyer.*

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# Prayer Matters

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV)

## Families

Marilyn

Jeff & Kelly

## Berean Church

Cornerstone Bible Church; Fremont, NE (Jeff & Suzanne)

## LEAD Team

Scott & Lyndsey, Trent & Caryn, Ray & Rosi, Rebecca, Jerry, Ted & Judy

## Other

T & J on overseas mission trip

S.H.-dental pain

C.R.-needs a place to live

## Upcoming Events:

11/14 (Wednesday): Fellowship Dinner @ 6:30 pm

11/21 (Wednesday): No gathering, Thanksgiving on 11/22

11/28 (Wednesday): Family Game Night @ 6:30 pm

# Announcements:

\*Are you receiving the weekly emails from Pastor Scott? If not, let him know and he will add you to the list.

\*You can also give online ([www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com](http://www.ColoradoFreedomChurch.com)) or through the FC mobile app (App Store & Google Play)

**PATIENCE**  
**Godly reaction in a variety of circumstances...**

*Circumstances and Situations*

- Endurance is the ability to stand up under adversity.
- Perseverance is the ability to progress in spite of it.

Example: Job

*Sources of Adversity:*

1. Ill-treatment of others (Joseph's brothers sold into slavery)
2. Satan's attacks (Job)
3. Discipline from God.

*People*

**I. Suffering Mistreatment (Enduring Abuse)**

Longsuffering: the ability to suffer a long time under the mistreatment of others without growing resentful or bitter.

How are we mistreated?

How do we grow in longsuffering?

1. Consider the *justice* of God. (1 Peter 2:23-"He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.")
2. Develop a conviction about the *faithfulness* of God to work on our behalf. (1 Peter 4:19-"So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.")

**II. Responding to Provocation (When we have the power to respond)**

Provocation: those actions by others that tend to arouse our anger or wrath that cause us to lose our temper.

How are we provoked?

How do we respond when we get angry?

Repress: stuff it down

Suppress: sarcastic, project negative feelings on others

Express (unhealthy): violent reactions, fits of rage, uncontrolled outbursts, verbal abuse, revenge, etc.

How do we grow in this type of patience?

1. Develop God's trait of being slow to anger. (Exodus 34:5-6-"Then the Lord came down in a cloud and stood there with him; and he called out his own name, Yahweh. <sup>6</sup> The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, "Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.")

2. Constantly reflect on God's patience with us.  
Matthew 18:21-35 (Unmerciful Servant)

2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent."

### III. Tolerating Shortcomings

Forbearance: to put up with

How are we irritated or disappointed?

How do we develop forbearance?

1. Shrug it off

Ephesians 4:1-3: "Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. <sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace."

2. Learn how to forgive.

Colossians 3:12-15-"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful."

*Practical application for this week:*

**1. Pray.** Pray that the God who has been so patient with you will help you be patient with others.

**2. Slow Down!** Ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life. Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. Hurry can destroy souls and keep us from living well. God is not in a hurry, He has everything under control.

**3. Cultivate patience in relationships.**

Marriage	Family	Work
Finances	God	Friends
Church	Neighbors	Self

Lord, do you want me to add more \_\_\_\_\_ [fruit] to this relationship?

*Patience:* more time, more room and space (to grow and fail); “longsuffering”

Do I:

- regularly give God more time?
- regularly give others more time to grow and mature?

Questions and Resources for further study:

1. What do you need to know about God's justice and faithfulness to endure mistreatment patiently, perhaps in a current situation?
2. Think back over the past 48 hours. How have you dealt with others shortcomings? What attitudes about yourself and others would help you be more patient?
3. Are you waiting on God to do something? If so, what? Specifically, how do you think God wants you to pray and act during this time of waiting?
4. Think about someone who has hurt you over and over. How do you feel about Jesus' command in Matthew 18:22?
5. Why do you think people fail to be patient or forgiving after having been forgiven so much? (See Matthew 18:21-35).
6. Read Luke 23:32-46. How can a fuller understanding of Christ's love and forgiveness as demonstrated on the cross help you to make a conscious decision to be patient with and forgive others?
7. Read Psalm 103:8-12. What do you learn about the character of God in this psalm? How do you see the patience of God in this passage?