



JESUS

AND THE HEART OF GOD

*How Jesus Demonstrates **God's**
Essential Qualities in the Gospels*

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Theme Passage

EXODUS 34:6-7 (NIV)

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Five Essential Qualities

BASED ON GOD'S SELF-REVELATION IN EXODUS 34:6-7



Compassion



Grace



Patience



Love



Faithfulness

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**1. What Made
Jesus Angry?**

**2. How did he
Show Patience?**

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- “*Unlimited Patience*” NIV (1984)
- “*Great Patience*” NLT
- “*Perfect Patience*” (ESV, NASB)
- “*Extraordinary Patience*” CSB
- “*Utmost Patience*” NRSV



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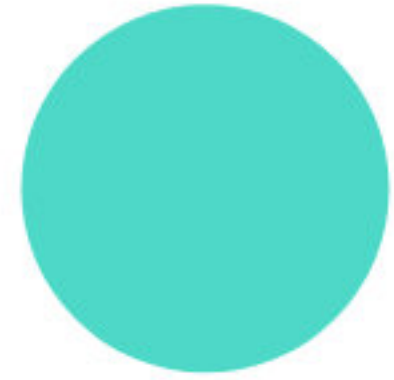
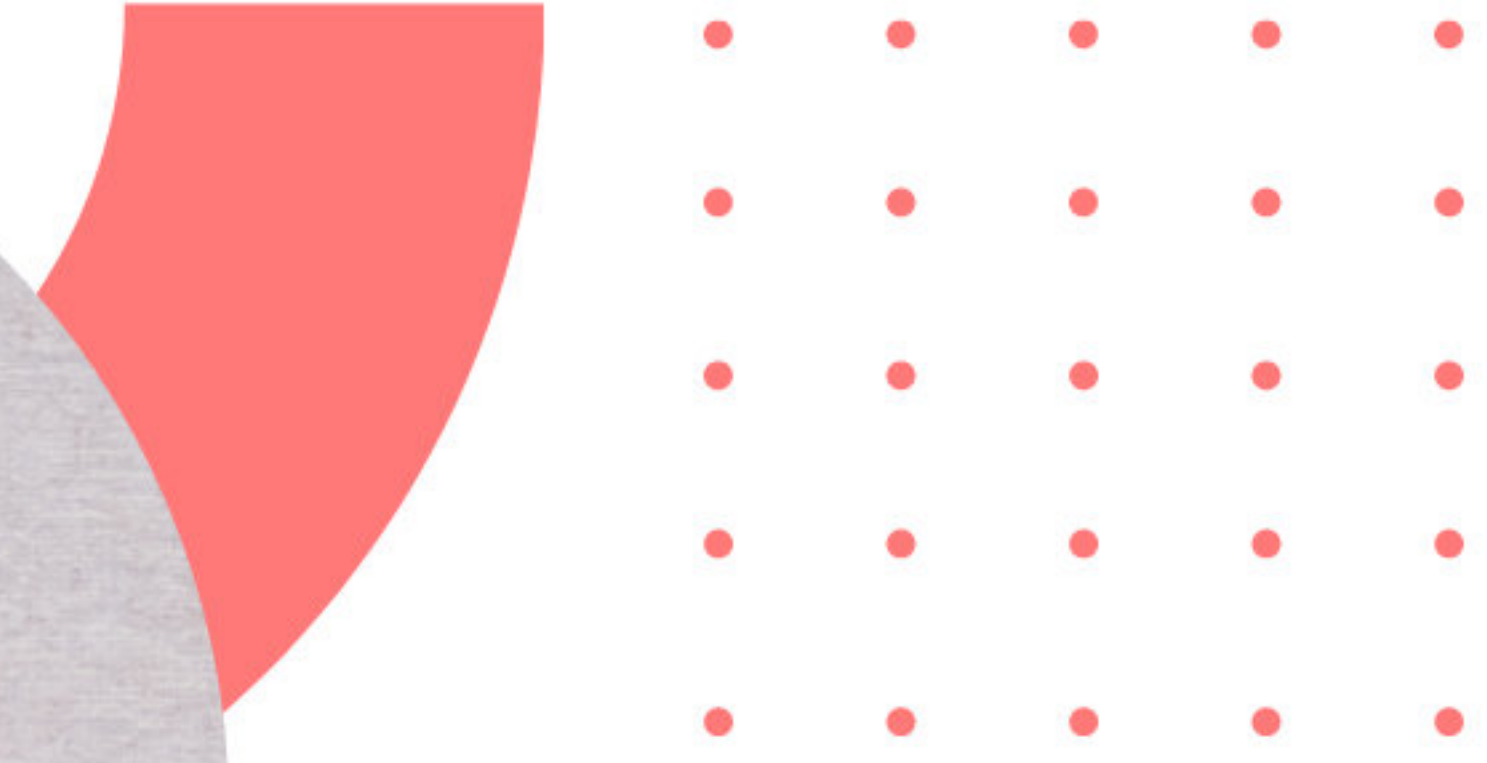
The Servant:

“26 The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘**Be patient with me,**’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 27 The servant’s master took **pity (compassion)** on him, canceled the debt and let him go.”

The Master:

“33 Shouldn’t you have had **mercy** on your fellow servant just as I had on you?””

(Matthew 18)



What Makes Jesus Angry?

1. Stubborn Hearts

Mark 3:1-4, “Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. 2 Some of them were **looking for a reason to accuse Jesus**, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. 3 Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”

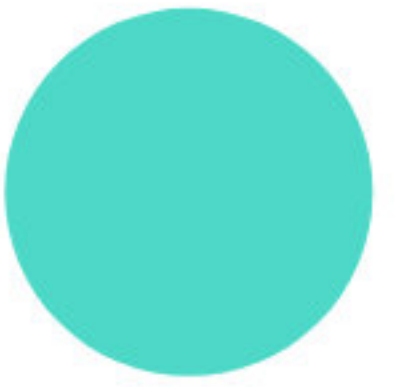
4 Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” **But they remained silent.**”



Stubborn Hearts

Mark 3:5-6, “5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their ***stubborn hearts***, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored.

6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.”



2. Gatekeeping

Mark 10:13-16, “13 People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but ***the disciples rebuked them.*** 14 When Jesus saw this, he was ***indignant.*** He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” 16 And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”



3. Misguided Priorities

Matthew 21:12-13, “12 Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. 13 “It is written,” he said to them, “My house will be called a house of prayer,’ but you are making it ‘a den of robbers.’”



4. Lack of Faith

Matthew 17:17, “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.”

Matthew 16:23, “Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”





How Does Jesus Show Patience?

Holy Week

PATIENCE IN THE LAST WEEK OF JESUS' LIFE.

- **Matthew 26, John 13.** Jesus eats with and washes the feet of Peter and Judas.
- **Matthew 26:50, “*Friend*, do what you came for.”**
- **Matthew 26**—Doesn’t fight; heals the wounded soldier.
- Silent when falsely accused (Jewish authorities, Pilate)
- Despite having 12 legions of angels at his disposal (**Matthew 26:53**)



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Words on the Cross

JESUS SHOWS LOVE DURING THE CRUCIFIXION.

- Mocked, beaten, tortured, crown of thorns
- “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” **Luke 23:34**
- “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” **Luke 23:43**
- “Woman, here is your son.... Here is your mother.” **John 19:26-27**



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An Angry Brother

THE OTHER PRODIGAL SON IN LUKE 15

“20 But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him... 27 ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ 28 *“The older brother became angry and refused to go in.* So his father went out and pleaded with him





James 1:19-21

“19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and **slow to become angry**, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”