

Home Improvements: Love is Patient

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Scriptures: 1 Cor. 13, Colossians 3:12-21; John 13:34-35; Romans 12:12; Psalms 103

Bottom Line: Love chooses to move at another person's pace

"Your parent's behaviour, not their advice, determines whether or not you want to be like them or with them." — Andy Stanley

The New Command

"Love each other just as I have loved you." — Jesus

How does this "Jesus love" behave?

Love is Patient - 1 Cor. 13:4

Love chooses to slow down and move at the pace of someone else.

If we don't do that, we separate.

Scenarios of Patient Love in the Bible

- Parents, don't exasperate your kids (Colossians 3)
- Patience in hard times (Romans 12:12; James 1:2-4)

How Do We Develop Patience in Our Homes?

- Focus on Gratitude
- Focus on the Gospel
- Focus on Others

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Where did your home environment fall in the "patient-to-pushy" spectrum?
3. Our home can really bring out selfishness, fear, insecurity, and anger. Which of these can you relate to most?
4. Where does your home feel the pressure of impatience?