



## Transformed by the Truth

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

Forbearance = \_\_\_\_\_

### Why be patient?

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Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:14

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Matthew 5:11-12; Acts 7:52; James 5:10

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Joel 2:13; Jonah 4:2; Romans 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:16; 1 Peter 3:20;  
2 Peter 3:9, 15

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Matthew 26:67-68; 27:27-30, 39-44; Luke 23:34; 1 Peter 2:20-23

1. Without using names, who is the most difficult person in your life? Why is it hard to be patient with them? Is the Spirit or your flesh winning the internal battle?
2. Read Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:14. Is the fact that we are commanded to respond patiently to provocation motivating to you? Why or why not?
3. Read Matthew 5:11-12 and James 5:10. What biblical character or Christian role model inspires you to choose patience over retaliation? What would it take for you to be more like them?
4. Read Jonah 4:2, 1 Timothy 1:16 and 2 Peter 3:9. In what ways has God demonstrated patience toward you?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:20-23. What are some specific moments in Christ's life when He exhibited patience? What would it look like for you to follow in His steps in your most difficult relationship?

#### Passages on patience:

- 2 Samuel 16:5-13
- Jonah 4:2-11
- Matthew 27:11-44
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Colossians 3:12-14