

## Changed part 6: Patience

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### The power of patience through the Gospel

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### Questions that enable practical patience with difficult people

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  - God shows his patience and grace by blessing us with the common grace of jobs, family, and friends even when we're running from Him.
  - God's greatest demonstration of patience is lovingly guarding our hearts from becoming so hard that we no longer hear His voice.
- What areas have I failed God in even when He has still given me grace?
  - Based on our performance and obedience, what would you do with you if you were God?
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Key: restraint/passivity/strength/anger/controlling/difficult/others

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