

PATIENCE**Believe (Part 3)**

_____ is full of waiting and can be stressful.

When _____ don't go my way or when others _____ me, life can become painfully hard.

Patience is evident when I'm with stressful _____ or in hard and stressful _____.

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"²²Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."²³Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.²⁶"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go."

Matthew 18:21-27 (NIV)

To be patient with someone:

- Is a choice to _____.
- Is to put the other person _____.

²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.²⁹"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'³⁰But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.³²Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.'³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Matthew 28:21-35 (NIV)

Jesus patiently suffered by giving up His life to offer me complete _____ and eternal life.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

When I am patient with others by being _____ to _____ them, I join Jesus in giving life.

Jesus patiently _____ suffering so I will have the _____ to do the same.

¹...And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA

Because of Jesus' patience with me and for me, I am quick to _____ and _____ patiently under the unavoidable pressure of life.

Follow-up Questions & My Notes

When was God patient with me when I didn't merit it?

How has God given me the strength to be patient with others?