

**COME TO THE  
TABLE**

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**Session 8:  
Patient**

# OVERVIEW

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- 8 characteristics of Jesus that are important to discern and exemplify in this moment
- Jesus shows us how to be at the same time...
  1. Gentle and lowly
  2. Honest
  3. Relational
  4. Meek
  5. Authority
  6. Submissive
  7. Patient
  8. Tolerant

# LONGSUFFERING (אָרֵד - μακροθυμία)

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1. To remain tranquil while waiting
2. To bear up under provocation without complaint
3. To prolong, defer, tarry

# LONGSUFFERING

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The Lord is merciful and gracious, *slow to anger...* keeping steadfast love for *thousands of generation...* ~Exodus 34:6-7

The Lord is not slow [as defined by our ways of life] but practices longsuffering *towards us* wanting all to come to repentance ~2 Peter 3:8-9

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

~Mathew 18:23-35

# JESUS'S LONGSUFFERING

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*w/ his disciples...*

- Not understanding his impending death
- Persistent squabbles over status
- Regularly doubting his power and authority
- Routinely demanding he too quickly and wrongly exercise his authority
- Forgives after denial and abandonment

# TRAPS FOR FOLLOWERS

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- losing
- being unheard
- being overlooked
- someone else getting the credit

# FREEDOMS FOR FOLLOWERS

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- Free to forgive
- Free from anxiety & anger
- Free to slow down
- Free to love – bears, believes, hopes and endures *all things*
- Free to be content

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