

SHOWING PATIENCE

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Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Ephesians 4:1-6

Memory Verse

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (NIV)

Ephesians 4:2



CASEY'S DAY

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When Karissa's family took a vacation to visit cousins, they had to drive for a few days to reach their destination. It didn't take long for Karissa to start asking her parents the repeated questions they dreaded hearing, "What time is it? Are we there yet?" Even though she could see the clock in their car and knew that it would take them a few days to get to where they were going, Karissa just couldn't wait. Whether she was bored or just excited to get there, patiently riding along didn't feel like something she wanted to do at that moment.

In Ephesians, the Apostle Paul tells his friends to be humble, gentle, and patient while bearing with one another. He was teaching them how to act with each other—how to get along, show love, and live together as fellow followers of Christ. When we love other people, those are the things we want to do for them. We want to be patient with them, not get angry too quickly, and understand who they are and what they are trying to say. Because in the end that is what God does for us every day.

Being patient means being able to wait for something to happen, especially something we really want. Like Karissa on her family's car trip, she really wanted to get to where they were going so that she could see her cousins. For her, being patient meant being able to wait to arrive. Being patient might also mean putting up with someone who isn't doing exactly what they're supposed to be doing. Karissa's parents had to be patient with their daughter and her repeated question, "Are we there yet?" Being patient was their way of showing love to her. Look for opportunities to be patient with other people and with yourself today.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to be patient and help me to show patience to my friends and family today. Amen.

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