

Living Church: Serving Together in Love

Pr. Israel - Jul, 27th

Summary of the Message

The hardest moments in life and relationships often carry the greatest potential for spiritual growth. When we choose radical patience, value reconciliation over being right, and protect unity while facing issues truthfully, we reflect the heart of Jesus. God uses tension, waiting, and conflict to mature us, if we allow Him.

“We must bear with others as God bears with us.” – Matthew Henry

“To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.” – C.S. Lewis

Romans 5:3-4 “We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.”

James 1:2-4 “Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy...”

Matthew 18:15 “If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense... you have won that person back.”

Romans 12:18 “Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.”

Ephesians 4:2-3 “2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.”

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. Can you share a situation where something difficult actually helped you grow as a person?
2. Have you ever seen a relationship get stronger after a moment of tension or

conflict?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

1. Why is patience so hard in challenging situations?
2. Why do we sometimes prefer being “right” over being reconciled?

Start Sharing

1. Talk about a time when you experienced or showed radical patience. What was the outcome?
2. How does God use challenges to grow your character?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

1. What can you do this week to pursue reconciliation in a relationship, instead of trying to be right?
2. How can you help protect unity in your church or small group while still being honest about issues?

Praying.

Lord, we thank You for using life’s challenges to shape us. Teach us to be radically patient, to value reconciliation over our pride, and to protect unity in our relationships and in the church. Help us grow in love, humility, and maturity. May our lives reflect Your grace even in the hardest moments. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team - become a volunteer
- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, it goes straight to The Way Ministry.
- The Way Camp - First Batch on sale R\$ 340 (3x)