

Summer Series 2025
The Fruit of the Spirit - “Peace/Forbearance”
Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)
July 27, 2025

Sermon Points:

1. Introductory Question: *“What makes patience challenging?”*

- People... Sinful People
- Patience & Forbearance = *makrothumeo* = “be longsuffering”
- **Takeaway: Bear with *others* as God bears with *you***

2. Matthew 18

- Context: Jesus’ Identity and Teaching
- V.21-22 – Peter
 - Peter thinks gracious
 - Jesus teaches authoritatively
 - Genesis 4:24 – Revenge to Forbearance
- V.24 – Debt #1
 - 200,000 years of daily wages
 - Impossible to Pay
- V.27 – King
 - Not only delays (forbears) but cancels
 - **Ultimate Fulfillment: Jesus (1Peter 2:24)**
- V.28 – Debt #2
 - 100 days of daily wages
 - Miniscule in comparison, but not on its own
 - V.33 – “Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?”
 - **“They might owe you, but you owed God everything”**

3. Luke 18:10-14

- V.13: “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”
- Need patience? Pray “God, thank you for your mercy on me, a sinner.”

Fill in the worth of each biblical currency:

Talent (v.24): _____

Denarius (v.28): _____

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think of Jesus, which title or identity marker first comes to mind?
2. Are there any times, places, or people that you know cause you to become more impatient?
3. How can gratefulness to God impact our interactions with others?

Personal Notes
