

Art of Relationships: Bearing with One Another in Love

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Every relationship needs to go past the point of inspiration to the point of perseverance. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he urges the church to "bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:1-3). The word for "bear" comes from the word anecho, which means to put up with something annoying. As comical as that sounds, it's something we need to be able to do in our relationships especially when they get hard. We have the perfect example with Jesus in how to do this.

Getting Started

Austin shared about pushing through his last bit of seminary when he was exhausted and ready to be done. What are some times in your life that have grown your perseverance?

Read

Ephesians 4:1-3, Matthew 17:14-17, Isaiah 46:3-4

Digging Deeper

1. There's a difference between bearing with one another and bearing with one another IN LOVE. What does the difference between the two look like?
2. With Jesus, there was no gap between bearing with the father in Matthew 17 and acting upon the father's request. What are some things that prevent you from responding immediately to others in love?
3. How have you experienced God or others bear with you in love?



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