

Growing PRAISE

EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE

12 — 18 August 2018

VERSE of the week— *Matthew 13:43*

***“Then the righteous will shine like the sun
in their Father’s Kingdom.”***

TABLE GRACE

***Gracious God, Thank you
for the food before us,
the people around us,
your love between us,
& your presence among us.
In Jesus’ Name, Amen.***

5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (**P**raise God, **T**hank Jesus, **A**sk the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

THOUGHT for the week:

“Christianity is not about building an absolutely secure little niche in the world where you can live with your perfect little wife & your perfect little children in a beautiful little house...Christianity is about learning to love like Jesus loved & following Jesus wherever he leads you.”

— Rich Mullins



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let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Matthew 13:24-30 & 36-43. What strikes you as you read these verses?
2. What is our natural human tendency in the presence of people whom we find **difficult or hard to get along with? How is Jesus' plan better?**
3. Why does the owner of the field, the "householder," tell his slaves to let the wheat & weeds grow together? In Scripture "harvest" is a common metaphor for the time of God's judgment. Describe the destinies of the various products of the field. What is the difference between those two destinies? Who decides?
4. Compare this parable with 7:15-20. How are these 2 related? Why is this parable so puzzling for the disciples? Why is patience & forbearance toward unbelievers so difficult for them? For us?
5. What is Jesus saying here about: church purity? Divine patience? Human **accountability? What is God's ultimate answer to the problem of sin & unbelief?**
6. How can an overzealous judgment of the world & its evils actually do harm to the mission of the church? Have you ever seen that happen?
7. To whom do you need to exercise patience & love as you await the final harvest?

let's READ

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| Sunday | Numbers 14:18 | Thursday | Nehemiah 9:16-17 |
| Monday | 2 Thessalonians 3:5 | Friday | Isaiah 30:18 |
| Tuesday | 2 Peter 3:9 | Saturday | Ephesians 2:4-6 |
| Wednesday | Micah 7:19 | | |

let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD for his patience towards you.

THANK JESUS that he has harvested you in God's love.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to grow your witness to the patient love of the Father.

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:

(Name), † child of God,

*May God's patience bring you
to a life of repentance and joy. Amen.*

