## **IMITATE CHRIST**

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"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another..."

2 Corinthians 3:18

| January   | "Imitate Christ" (Introduction) |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| February  | His Love for God                |
| March     | His Love for Others             |
| April     | His Holiness                    |
| May       | His Humility & Service          |
| June      | His Peace & Joy                 |
| July      | His Courage & Boldness          |
| August    | His Patience                    |
| September | His Spiritual Focus             |
| October   | His Determination               |
| November  | His Sacrifice                   |
| December  | His Triumph                     |

# **IMPRISE CHRIST**

His Patience

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Galatians 5:22-23

"Love is **patient** and kind..." 1 Corinthians 13:4

#### μακροθυμία

makrothumia

#### makros + thumos

"long"

"passion" "anger"

## **The Patience of Jesus** Luke 9

### **The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant** Matthew 18:23-35

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