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## 2021 Summer Speakers

July 4	<b>Josh Howell</b>	Patience
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**Ephesians 4:31–32:** <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.



**Ephesians 5:31–32:** <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.



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**Isaiah 26:3:** You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.



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**Ephesians 2:14–16:** <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility... <sup>15</sup> that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.



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**Titus 3:1–5:** <sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. <sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy...



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**Galatians 3:21–22:** <sup>21</sup> ... For if the law had been granted with the ability to give life, then righteousness would certainly be on the basis of the law. <sup>22</sup> But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin's power, so that the promise might be given on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ to those who believe.



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**Psalm 31:10:** My life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity...



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*Proverbs 21:1:* The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.



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*Matthew 7:3–5:* <sup>3</sup> “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”



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*Galatians 6:1*: Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.



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*1 Timothy 5:1–2:* <sup>1</sup> Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup> older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.



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*1 Corinthians 13:5:* Love is not irritable or resentful...



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*Matthew 23:23–24:* <sup>23</sup> “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You pay a tenth of mint, dill, and cumin, and yet you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy, and faithfulness. These things should have been done without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> Blind guides! You strain out a gnat, but gulp down a camel!



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*2 Timothy 2:24–25:* <sup>24</sup> The Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, <sup>25</sup> correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth...



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*Proverbs 27:6: Faithful are the wounds of a friend...*





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*Proverbs 29:11*: A fool gives full vent to his spirit,  
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*Proverbs 15:1: A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.*



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*Proverbs 18:17:* The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.



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*James 1:19:* Let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.



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### 8. Aim to win the person, not the argument.

*James 5:19–20:* <sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let that person know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will **save his soul from death** and cover a multitude of sins.



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*1 Thessalonians 5:14: And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.*



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*Matthew 18:15–17:* <sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. **if** he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But **if** he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> **if** he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And **if** he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.



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*James 1:5:* Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him.



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### **10. Ask and trust God for the wisdom you don't have.**

*Proverbs 11:14:* Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.



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*Hebrews 4:16:* Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



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# Peace on Earth



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**Isaiah 2:4:** He will settle disputes among the nations and provide arbitration for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plows and their spears into pruning knives. Nation will not take up the sword against nation, and they will never again train for war.



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**Revelation 21:3–4:** <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”



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