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## Washington: Part 4: Strategic Patience

Creek Kids Leaders,

One of the qualities that impressed me in Chernow's book was George Washington's strategic patience. He understood that some battles could not be rushed. There were seasons when waiting, preparing, and building strength was the wisest form of leadership.

A clear example came during the harsh winter at Valley Forge. Chernow describes the pressure Washington faced from Congress, the press, and even some of his own generals who wanted a bold attack. But





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Washington knew the army was not ready. Instead of moving too soon, he focused on training, discipline, supply lines, and rebuilding morale. His patience in that season transformed a starving army into a capable fighting force when the time was right.

### **In Ministry:**

Kids grow slowly. Faith grows slowly. Sometimes we want to see immediate results, but much of our ministry is seed planting. When we patiently teach, listen, encourage, and show up week after week, God is shaping hearts in ways we cannot always see.





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## **In Our Personal Lives:**

Our growth also takes time. We want quick answers and immediate clarity.

Washington's example reminds us that waiting seasons are not wasted seasons.

Scripture invites us into steady trust, even when life feels slow or unclear.

*“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete.” – James 1:4*

Thank you for serving with patient faithfulness.

Blessings,  
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