



## Scott's Thoughts

*And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing...*

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.*

*It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful...*

*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.*

- I Corinthians 13: 2, 4-5, 7-8 (ESV)

### How patient would you say you are?

Are you ever tempted to upgrade a purchase to Overnight Delivery instead of Standard because you just can't wait the 5-7 business days? How many times in the last month have you honked your horn at or talked to other drivers because they weren't moving fast enough? Is it frustrating for you when you know something is right, but it takes everyone else twice as long to get it? Do you avoid long lines like they are the plague?

I feel like God has been teaching me a lot about patience lately. I'm one of those people that when I figure something out I want everyone to come to the same understanding I have. Or, when I know someone is capable of doing great things I want them to reach their potential. If there's somewhere I want to go, I want to be there fast. If something isn't getting done, I will jump in and try to make it happen. Often the *process* of learning/trying/going/doing is frustrating to me.

Over the last several months we've been trying to potty train our two-year-old son Evan. We switched him to pull-ups and take him to the potty as often as we can. We encourage him and praise his efforts, but for some reason he just doesn't seem too interested. This process can be very slow and frustrating at times. Recently, he's made some progress that gives me hope we'll soon see him completely diaper free! I just have to keep my eyes on the prize and not let my lack of patience bring me down.

I re-read this passage of Scripture this morning and it convicted me. When I become impatient, even for "justifiable" reasons, I am not walking in love. *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends...* no matter the circumstances. Let's remember that the next time our patience is tested.

## CCC Youth Ministry Activities and Information

**Church Yard Sale.** The annual yard sale is on Friday and Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. We'll be accepting donations all the way up to the days of the yard sale. Bring all of your items large and small (no clothes, please). Volunteers will be needed to help price items the week before the yard sale. Funds raised will support the Youth Group and the CIY MOVE trip.

**CIY MOVE** is June 28th through July 2nd at Johnson Bible College. This is a retreat for High School students (those currently in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades). It is one of the most life-changing weeks I've ever experienced! Think TCTC, but for an ENTIRE WEEK!!! A female chaperone is still needed. Please let me know ASAP if you can help. ALL BALANCES MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY SUNDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>!



**Camp ACC** offers summer camps specially designed for youth ranging from Kindergarten to High School throughout the summer. Everyday will be packed with Bible studies, campfires, water sports, swimming, ropes courses, and so much more. Our church will cover half of the registration cost for church members wanting to attend a camp.

**Welcome the Intern!** Drew White began his internship with us on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be working with me in the youth ministry and alongside the other ministries throughout the summer. Drew has a passion for people and for service. Our focus will be on serving others through activities large and small. Stay tuned for some great opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ this summer!

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