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## SERMON on PATIENCE

Coming off of a night where I witnessed many racers getting hurt in AX, I felt strongly led by the Lord to speak on Patience Sunday morning at trackside Church Service at the Johnsonville MX Farm. Even though I didn't record the message, nor write it, I did retain some of what the spirit led in my delivery.

In speaking the word of God to MX'ers, I feel God has always given me the ability to use analogies that relate to the racer, the track, family, and simply, the racing community as a whole. When praying and looking at the term "patience", it should be known that patience is not something that's free. Like many things in our lives, we have to work for betterment, just as we do on the track with doubles, triples, starts or whatever. We all want and even pray for patience, but are we really training to be more patient with things in our lives? If so, we are genuinely training to be more Godly because we cannot have God's favor on things such as patience if we're not growing closer to Him. I sometimes see things in the MX community that troubles me and prompts me to speak out at times and one of those things is about being patient with our kid's abilities, and as racers, our own abilities. We are always in a hurry to do everything and short cut to the end of whatever task we may be on. Being on the track is a lot like life; we try to do things we're not equipped to do and some of the time we get hurt in the process. Another misconception is that we think in order to be patient; we can simply kick back on the couch and call it good. That is far from what God instructs us to do. We all know that God tells us to be the best we can be at whatever it is we do – and that is going to take effort and training, right? He also speaks to us about the farmer being patient for a harvest and patient for spring and fall rains. I am quite sure that the farmer doesn't go plant the seed and then just sit back. Even though I am not a farmer, in such respect, there are things to do in order to be obedient to God and what He has us doing. Patience for the good seed to grow also comes with us acting on things like - fighting the weeds that try and overcome the seed, and also praying for the much needed and spoken of fall and spring rains. The same goes for hitting the track, guys. We need to make good decisions on what we can and can't do out there and know whatever we do, we need to call on God and that His hand of favor and protection be about us. Even when we do make mistakes, He can favor us.

In closing, even though we are to guide and direct our children, and we all want them to be the very best they can be, Help us Lord to be patient with them as they grow. Understand that they sometimes carry a big burden from us, as parents, in us not being patient with their ability to do something on the track. Enjoy the time we have with them and make it fun, and mostly, make it Godly - as life here and MX, will be gone in a flash.

References to read in the Bible | 1 Timothy 4:8 | Colossians 3:23 | James 5:7 | Colossians 1:11