

- · Roads in disrepair <
- · Roads being repaired
- · Roads after repair
- · Roads sustaining repair

When roads are being repaired, we encounter delays and detours.



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We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.

- Proverbs 16:9

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PATIENCE

Road Repair Requires Patience

For you know that when your faith is tested, your patience* has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your patience* is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

- James 1:3-4

* endurance, perseverance, steadfastness

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God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with... patience.

- Colossians 3:12

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives... patience.

- Galatians 5:22

I don't believe we are inherently patient; it's one of those skills we acquire through the disruptions of life and resulting spiritual maturity.

Patience w/ God FAITH

By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.

- **Hebrews** 11:3

Patience w/ God FAITH

Patience with God leads to faith because we trust He's in control; that His plan is bigger than what we can fully grasp.

Patience w/ Yourself HOPE

We were given this hope when we were saved...

If we look forward to something we don't already have,
we must wait patiently and confidently.

- Romans 8:24-25

Patience w/ Yourself HOPE

Patience with yourself leads to hope because we believe in something better; that this moment of disruption isn't it.

Patience w/ Others LOVE

The whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out!

- Galatians 5:14-15

Patience w/ Others LOVE

Patience with others leads to love because we are extending grace; we recognize that every single one of us is in process.

Patience w/ God = <u>FAITH</u> Patience w/ Yourself = <u>HOPE</u> Patience w/ Others = <u>LOVE</u>

Three things will last forever – faith, hope, and love...

- 1 Corinthians 13:13

The work God is doing in your life, these delays and detours, creates opportunity for patience, which leads to the foundations of forever.

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

- Philippians 1:6

