



## Lessons Learned from "Parenting, Round 2" by Carl and Cheryl Kimbro

Nothing strikes fear in our hearts more than the long drive on a family road trip. It's not the boredom or long hours driving the fear. It's the click of the seat belts and the start of the drive that turns the girls from well-mannered children to wild uncivilized heathens. "Are we there yet?" "She's touching me!" You know the drill, don't you? Nothing short of demon possession can explain it! If patience is a virtue, these are the times when we are virtue-less.

We loved Mark's blog on [why grandparents have more patience than parents](#). (Usually true, except for road trips!) In that blog, Mark joked that "if nothing else, grandparents know they will be sending them home." Yet that's not true for all grandparents in our church. We are raising our grandchildren. So Mark asked us to blog about what it's like to raise your grandchildren. We haven't figured it all out yet, but we have gained wisdom from round one of parenting we can apply to round two. **Encourage your children's childlike innocence and willingness to trust that God answers prayer.** But don't stop there. Let their innocent faith influence your prayer life. Jesus said, "*Except you become like little children, you won't enter the kingdom of heaven*" (Matt 18:3).

Children believe what you say and accept it as fact. They trust God hears their prayer and they pray expecting an answer. What seems a coincidence to us, they easily accept as answered prayer. This unwavering faith may weaken as they grow up and are influenced by the world. But we can, through our words and actions, encourage this trust and keep it alive in their hearts as they grow and mature.

We can also learn from them and pray with childlike faith and expect answers too. When we do this we will have faith "like a child," just as Jesus tells us.

**Do not let anger overshadow your love for your child.**

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### What's Happening?

#### SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

##### Selah

Sept. 16 & 23 | 1:00-3:30pm

Student Center Central

*Tech and worship training for 6th grade and older.*

[Register](#)

### **Spring Break Mission Trip Sign-Ups**

Registration opens Sept. 18  
*Trips during Spring Break to NWA, Kansas City, and Guatemala*

### **Circle of Security Parenting**

Tuesdays, Sept. 19-Nov. 7

6:00-7:30pm

Presented by [The Joshua Center](#)

For more info and to [register](#),

email [Debbie Pridemore](#)

### **Parent/Child Dedication**

October 7 | 5:00 and 6:45pm

Worship Center

Email [Susan Thomas](#) to participate

(spots still available during 2nd service).

### **Parenting the Strong-Willed Child**

October 8 | 9:30 and 11:00am

Student Center Central

Presented by Dr. Gary Oliver.

[Register](#)

### **Parenting in a Sexual Culture**

October 15 | 9:30 and 11:00am

Student Center Central

[Register](#)

For more information on any of the events above, email

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## RESOURCES

### Books/Articles

- [Playing for Keeps/Losing Your Marbles](#)
- [31 Questions to Help You be a Better Parent](#)
- [Handling Interruptions the Godly Way](#)

### Classes/Groups

- [Parenting the Strong-willed Child - presented by Dr. Gary Oliver](#)
- [Grandparents as Parents Group](#)

Children can get the best of you, especially when you are tired or sick. It's easy to be less loving or encouraging when you are angry. Choose your words carefully. We can say things that are hurtful. It's when they are misbehaving and when we have disciplined them for their actions that they need our love and forgiveness the most. This is true for us as children of God as well.

God sets the example for us. **Psalm 103:12** says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us". The distance between the east and west is as far apart as we can understand. It is a distance unmeasurable. God forgives us and casts our sins far away. So far away it's as if they never existed. Once forgiven, His righteous anger dissipates and He remembers the sin no more.

The Bible does not say He never punishes us. It says He does not remain angry with us forever. So too should we be with our children. Discipline as needed, but forgive and forget the sin. When we do this, we are following God's example and showing our children forgiveness and mercy. Through this they too will learn how to forgive and love unconditionally.

These 2 points seem so simple. Yet they are anything but! Lessons we learn have to be practiced, even the second time around. And we are getting plenty of practice in Parenting, Round 2! You will get just as much practice in Round 1 as well. Just remember God's love and His patience with us, and let it guide you in raising your children.

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