



Welcome

—We are glad you are here—

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Teen Church at RFBC!
September 7th, 2025

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to God

Congregation: for God's steadfast love lasts forever!

Leader: God accompanies us in our distress,

Congregation: as we cross the threshold to worship's blessings.

Leader: Give thanks to our God,

Congregation: for God's steadfast love abides with us.

Leader: Let us enter this space for worship.

All: Celebrating God's works for humankind.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever.

Amen.



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Announcements

Welcome, new
students!

WELCOME

NEW

STUDENTS



Happy Birthday September “Babies!”



Built to Last: What is Resilience?

Week 1: Built to Last

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Grit: Standing Strong When Life Gets Tough

Galatians 6:9



Theme Verse Galatians 6:9

CEV: ⁹ Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up.

NIV: ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Key Word: Resilience



Greek root:
hypomonē
ὑπομονή

Means steadfast
endurance,
perseverance
under pressure,
patient
confidence

Today's Scripture: James 1: 2-4 CEV

² My friends, be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. ³ You know you learn to endure by having your faith tested. ⁴ But you must learn to endure everything, so you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything.

Today's Scripture: James 1: 2-4 NIV

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Cultural Background



Written to Jewish Christians scattered due to persecution (James 1:1).



They faced social rejection, economic hardship, and religious pressure.



“Trials” = both external pressures (persecution) and internal tests (temptation).



James is teaching that trials aren't setbacks—they're set-ups for growth.



Resilience: Not Giving Up

What is Biblical Resilience?

- Not pretending everything is okay.
- It's pressing forward because God is with us.
- It's bouncing back with purpose.



The strongest predictor for success

ANGELA LEE DUCKWORTH





Reflection Question

- What keeps you going when you feel like giving up?

Activity



Bounce Back Trivia



Small Group Discussion

Listening in Prayer



- *God, we're here. Right now. In this moment. We don't have all the answers, and that's okay. We're not perfect, and You don't ask us to be. But we want to be people who don't give up.*
- *Jesus, is there anything You want to say to me today?*
- *Help us remember that even when life feels hard, You are with us. You are in us. You are for us. Give us grit. Give us grace. Amen.*

Closing Verse

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (NIV):

- "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

Corinthians 4: 8-9 (CEV):

- ⁸We often suffer, but we are never crushed. Even when we don't know what to do, we never give up. ⁹In times of trouble, God is with us, and when we are knocked down, we get up again.

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