



**LIFEwork for the week starting June 2, 2019**  
**JESUS > my adversity**

**SHARE**

1. When you hear the words “perseverance” or “resilience,” are there certain people and stories that come to mind? Spend a few minutes sharing.

**READ**

2. Read Job 1:13-22. Job became an object lesson for God and a test subject for Satan. How would you have responded if you were Job? Every instance of adversity we face in this life is an opportunity to either glorify God and grow closer to Him or to become more distant. Looking back at your life, what things have brought you closer to God?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-20. God gives us defenses against the darkest, most evil powers in this world. What are they (go down the list), and why do they help? Is this glimpse into the unseen (usually) spiritual battle all around us scary or encouraging, and why?
4. Read Matthew 26:36-39. Jesus did not welcome suffering, but He submitted to it as He submitted to the Father’s will. What can we learn from how Jesus suffered? What things can we put in our lives to prepare ourselves for suffering (how did Jesus prepare Himself?)?

**APPLY**

5. How do you speak to someone who is struggling, suffering or facing adversity without sounding cliché or downplaying their problems? What works for you?

**PRAY**



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Ephesians 6:10-20

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Jesus' commitment to us is just as strong in ADVERSITY as it is in PROSPERITY.

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND FIRM.” -Ephesians 6:13

As we cling – HOLD FAST – to Jesus,  
He promises to do the same to us.

The word of the day is “RESILIENCE.”

Where are you holding on for dear life?

- SCHEDULE
- RELATIONSHIPS
- MONEY
- HEALTH

DON'T QUIT! REPENT and RE-START!!

- a. Romans 5:3-4
- b. 2 Timothy 4:7-8
- c. Hebrews 10:39-11:1

Adversity is INEVITABLE; as a faithful Christian you WILL SUFFER for the sake of this message.

The solution is not to TRY HARDER; it is to CLING more TIGHTLY to Jesus.

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