

Perseverance

"Not only so, but we also glory in our **sufferings**, because we know that **suffering** produces **perseverance**, and **perseverance** character, and character hope. And hope does not put us to shame because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."

Rom. 5:3-5

Thank you God, for this perfect day. Thank you for bringing us together and allowing this space for us to be in Your presence. As we pause here together in this time to honor You, slow our pace. Take the clutter and busyness of life from our minds and set everything aside. Allow us to concentrate on You, and You alone. In Your Son's Holy Name I pray, Amen.

This is Lana Pfaffe, and today I have chosen to speak with you about **perseverance**. Not just your average, every day, run-of-the mill hangin' in there. I am talking about the kind of **perseverance** that requires one to seek God's face on your knees, in your quiet place, perhaps in your personal, private war room. Prayer so deep that it grips your innermost being...holds steadfast...prayer for that one thing to which His answer has been.....wait.

(Pause)

We are all (some of us acutely) aware that our God does things in His time. We wait and pray for a diagnosis, maybe a better diagnosis, that new baby, our child's plans after graduation, a child's health, addiction, a family member gone to serve in the military.....the list is endless. At times of course, the Holy Spirit must take over and pray for us because words are beyond our reach, but Jesus taught us to pray a very simple prayer. No flowery words. Just words that get the job done and get the message sent. The part that requires perseverance is:

"...Thy will be done..."

Luke 11:2-3part.

There it is.....that part that says, we are going to wait upon God for answers to our prayers. So, we wait. We persevere.

(Pause)

The writer of Hebrews again says this in Chapter 10:36

"For you need perseverance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised."

Please understand. The promise here is not always a positive answer to the prayer, nor even an answer to the prayer in our lifetime. The promise is eternal life in heaven.....even better.

Truly makes all the perseverance in the world totally worth it, doesn't it? God's good like that!

Pray with me,

God of mercy, I thank you for every lesson you brought before us in your Word today. Help us in it's application to our lives as we persevere in any struggle before us on our journey. Help us always to remember to seek Your face and bring all things before You that are on our hearts. Father, I lift up every soul listening. I echo their needs as they lift them up to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen

This has been Lana Pfaffe

Good day and God bless!