SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Unstoppable Life

With Ryan & Vanessa Dawson Oct. 7, 2018 Happy Thanksgiving!



- What will it take to finish well? What will it take to live an unstoppable life?
- What will it take to leave a positive legacy that makes a real difference?

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. 2 Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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Big Idea: We persevere by trusting in God's promises, plan, and power.

"Be joyful in hope" by Trusting in God's <u>Promises</u>

Psalm 16:11 "In His presence there is fullness of joy."

Matthew 12:18-21

"All the promises of God are yes and amen in Christ." 2 Cor. 1:20

• "Be patient in affliction" by Trusting in God's Plan

"God intends for the church to experience some of the sufferings of Christ so that when we proclaim the cross as the way of life, people will see the marks of the cross in us and feel the love of the cross from us."

21 Servants of Sovereign Joy - John Piper

"Great hearts can only be made by great troubles." Charles Spurgeon

"Worldly ease is a great enemy to faith; it loosens the joints of holy zeal and snaps the sinews of sacred courage. The balloon never rises until the cords are cut; affliction provides this service for believing souls. While the wheat sleeps comfortably in the husk, it is useless to us; it must be threshed out of its resting place before its value can be known. Thus it is good that the Lord tests the righteous, for it causes them to grow rich toward God." Spurgeon

• "Be faithful in prayer" by Trusting in God's <u>Power</u>

Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit says the Lord."

John 15:5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

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- 9) What is your "trust" action step today?