

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Pack Smart

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Romans 12:12 (NLT) “Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.”

- **Pack Hope for the journey.**

“He who has a Why to live for, can bear almost any How!” - Nietzsche

Hebrews 12:2 says: “For the Joy set before him [Jesus] endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of God.”

- **Pack Patience for the journey.**

“And we know that in all things, God works together for the good of those who love him...” – Romans 8:28 (NLT)

- **Pack Prayer for the journey.**

But I tell you this, though he won't get up because they are friends, but because of his persistence he will get up and give him everything he needs... Luke 11:8 (NLT)

Big Idea: Be confident in hope, patient in trouble & faithful in prayer, because God is for you!

Romans 8:31-38 (NIV) What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



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