



2022 LENTEN SERIES: KEEP GOING! Today's Message: Keep Going Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

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PRAYER: Motivating God, we're determined this Lent to *keep going*. We acknowledge that not everyone will go with us where you are trying to take us. Give us the courage when we're rejected, rebuked, and rebuffed to keep on keeping on. Empower us today to believe your Word, your promise, and your assurance no matter what we face. Make us an illustration of your infinite mercy. In the abiding, awesome, and amazing name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: What childhood escapade of yours do you her about most when you visit your family or friends? Share it with the group.

INTRODUCTION: Being rejected by those we hoped would receive us is enough to stop anybody in their tracks. However, Jesus shows us how to manage rejection and keep going in pursuit of our God assigned destiny. His example shouts in essence, "Can't stop, won't stop!" Keep going!

SCRIPTURE: Read St. Mark 6:1-13 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

- 1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
- 2. After performing four miracles, Jesus goes home. How do you think he expected to be received by his hometown crowd? Have you ever had an experience where you thought people would respond one way only to have them respond in a completely opposite fashion? Share it with your group.
- 3. The people in Jesus' hometown knew him and his family. Their familiarity allowed them only to see who he had been, not who he had become. Have you ever met someone from your past who still related to you like they did then, even though both you and your situation had changed? How can we help people to see who we've become, and not just remember who we were?
- 4. What's the danger as a follower of Christ with assuming that our knowledge of what He has done is a predictor of what He will do? How has familiarity blocked you from seeing who Jesus is in your life now?

CHALLENGE: What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

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SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at <u>www.myspbc.org</u>. You can also "find, follow and like" our Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/myspbc</u>. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.





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NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472 EMAIL: <u>prayer@myspbc.org</u>.

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies) EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177 EMAIL: <u>Barnabas@myspbc.org</u>

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call) EMAIL: <u>ecare@myspbc.org</u>.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177 EMAIL: <u>Barnabas@myspbc.org</u>. TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000 EMAIL: <u>emergencyassistance@myspbc.org</u>.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

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