

Sunday Service

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God's Grace in Adversity

~ Endurance: remain under ~

~ Suffering: affliction ~

Ecclesiastes 7:13-14 (ESV)

- The things that come after us are not important because we are to pass the test of adversity today.
- Be joyful in the moment of adversity just as you would be joyful in the moment of prosperity. Both of these moments are from God and are for our good.
- The Lord has allowed us to witness prosperity just as He has allowed us to witness adversity.

Ruth 1:19-22 (NLT)

- God has not called us to identify with anything other than what He has called us to be. He doesn't want us to be identified by the situations we are in. Our feelings will lie to us, so do not identify with our feelings.
- God has called us to love, He has called us mighty, He has called us to be His sons and daughters.
- Every trial is a test. Will you still worship the Lord, stay in prayer and give God your worship even when we find ourselves experiencing adversity?

~ Are you qualified? ~

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 (NKJV)

- First, examine yourself to see if you are walking in Jesus's commandments.
 - We have to pass the test. It might not be for you right now, it may be for someone else. Look beyond the now and look forward to what this test can be for later.

Proverbs 24:10 (AMP)

- If adversity occurs and you faint, your strength is small.
- Examine yourself and see if you are getting your strength from yourself or are you getting your strength from the Lord.
 - You can't be on the fence in this area (not lukewarm). Either you get your strength from the Lord or you get it from yourself.
 - We already said we are not to put our faith in man - even ourselves.

- We need to get to a place where we surrender to God's will and abandon our own.

~ You must persevere ~

God created us to choose Him or not to choose Him. That is genuine love, genuine care. We must persevere.

James 1:2-4 (NLT)

- God wants us to be joyful in trouble. If we can be joyful in times of trouble, how much more will we rejoice in times of prosperity?
- We know that when our faith is tested, it allows our endurance to grow. This is vital so that we will be perfect, complete and needing nothing when our endurance is fully matured.
- Other people's lives are dependent on our godly influence, which is strengthened through Jesus Christ and enduring to the end. God's glory is dependent on us allowing this endurance to grow.

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV)

- Staying in faith and enduring will be rewarded. We lean on God's promises in an effort to endure now all the way to the end.
- Persevere so you can receive what has been promised.

~ Endurance comes from His love. ~

Job 13:15 (NLT)

- "God might kill me, but I have no other hope. I am going to argue my case with him."
- Even in front of Him, you will still bless the Lord in all circumstances. He is full of compassion and mercy and is worthy of our praise.

James 5:11 (AMP)

- You are blessed if you endure. Don't worry about the afflictions. God allows these moments of adversity for something.

James 1:12 (AMP)

- We have a crown waiting for us. We need to endure. God wants us to be glorified in our next life with Him, so we endure now and give Him all the glory now.

Psalms 34:19 (NKJV)

- The enemy chooses to sway us to walk the wrong path because he doesn't want us as his enemy. It's our Lord that delivers us out of these afflictions.

Jeremiah 17:5-8 (NKJV)

- It is not our flesh that we should rely on, that we should put our faith in. Instead, we put our faith in God.
- It's the God in someone that I trust, not the person. The person can be used as a tool for God's righteousness.
- You are blessed when you put your faith and trust in the Lord. He has given us all that we need to be prosperous.

~ The purpose for endurance ~

Deuteronomy 9:26-29 (NLT)

- The purpose for our prosperity and endurance is to give God glory.

Daniel 9:16-19 (NLT)

- Even when we are faithless, He remains faithful. God has heard our faithlessness for so long, so we must endure for His name to be lifted up showing His mercy as our reason we still stand.
- Prayer for our deliverance is for God's sake. We cry out because of God's mercy. We should always give Him all the glory so that when people see our prosperity, they will know that it is not us, it is God.

~ Jesus is the grace we need. ~

Hebrews 2:9-11 (NLT)

- If we have to suffer, we must endure it because it is through Jesus that God makes us holy and makes us brothers and sisters of Christ.

John 14:25-31 (NKJV)

- The world wants us to have their version of peace where we find peace in what they believe is good.
- However, Jesus has called us to a higher way of living with our focus being on heaven. So He gives us His peace. It is His peace that allows us to be fulfilled as we walk through that higher way of living.