

# HEBREWS 11:1 NKJV

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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# 1 PFTFR 4

1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2 so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

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ACTS 16	
16 As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who	
had a spirit of divination and brought her	
owners much gain by fortune-telling.	

17 She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation."

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## ACTS 16

18 And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

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## ACTS 16

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20 And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city.

21 They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods.

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## ACTS 16

23 And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24 Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks."

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## ACTS 16

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,

26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

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## ACTS 16

27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here."

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## ACTS 16

29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

ACTS 16
31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

# Faith leverages pain into power

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# Pain→Praise→Power→Proclamation

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12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ...

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Get comfortable being uncomfortable

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## PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

14 And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

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# **FAITH LEVERAGES SUFFERING**

- 1. Faith leverages pain into power
- 2. Remember Jesus, forget suffering

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# **EMOTIONAL PAIN IS REAL**

Research out of the University of Michigan suggests that not only does the brain process rejection like it does physical injury, but that personality traits such as "resilience" are vital to how we process pain.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, 9 for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound!

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## WHY REMEMBER JESUS?

- 1. He's alive (Risen from the dead)
- 2. Messiah and King (offspring of David)
- 3. Center of the Gospel (in my gospel)

Cost of remembering Jesus >> suffering

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## 2 TIMOTHY 2

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

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The gospel triumphs over every obstacle because the saints are willing to suffer to share it.

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Faith leverages suffering to make progress

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# **2** TIMOTHY **2**:4

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him.

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