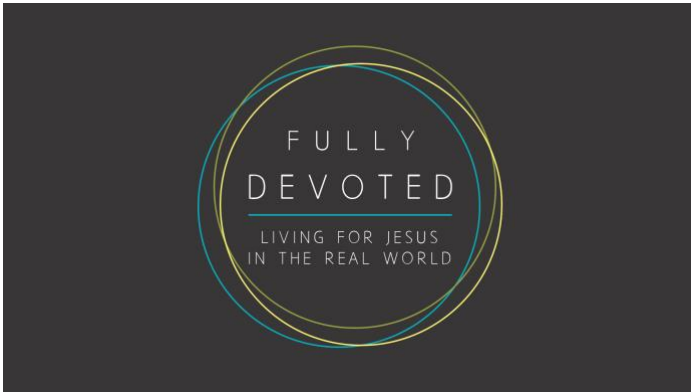


TAKE HOME SHEET



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What are you dealing with in your life right now where you need patience and courage?

How does that affect you when you lack patience and courage? Others around you?

Think of a time when you were struggling with something and felt hopeless, then later discovered that God was using it for something good.

How does having a good and accurate perspective, from God's point of view, help deal with difficulties in our lives?

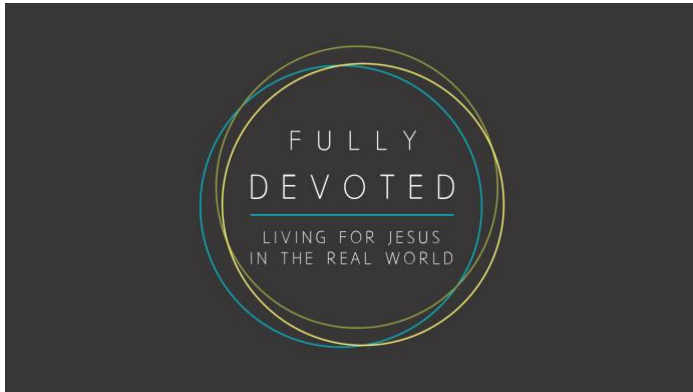
How has God used other people to help you navigate tough times?

Where do you think God could use you as *Chief Perspective Officer* to help people around you trust Him during a rough time?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation
TLB – The Living Bible

MESSAGE NOTES



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Four Benefits of Trials, Tests, and Troubles:

1. To reveal the condition of my faith.
2. To refine my faith.
3. To develop my faith.
4. To display my faith and bring God honor.

⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. ⁸ You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!

James 5:7-9 (NLT)

Patience and courage come from having an accurate perspective.

Don't let minor things derail the major ones.

An accurate perspective helps us build endurance.

¹⁰ For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹ We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

James 5:10-11 (NLT)

Remember: God rewards faithfulness, both in this life and the next.

"I came naked from my mother's womb," he said, "and I shall have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

Job 1:21 (TLB)

Also, remember, He accepts us where we are and will help us as we let Him!

You have seen me tossing and turning through the night. You have collected all my tears and preserved them in your bottle! You have recorded everyone in your book.

Psalms 56:8 (TLB)

Each of us should embrace being the Chief Perspective Officer in our spheres of influence.

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

You are the light of the world...

Matthew 5:14 (NLT)