

Foundation to Fullness: Part 6

Perseverance

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Eph 6... Prayer

Review

Perseverance through Praise

- Psalm 42

Implications behind Perseverance...

- Here comes the trials...in order to persevere, we have to tough something out...[1 Peter 1:6-7]
- The Lord does not protect his children from all 'bad things' from his children; these 'bad' things force us to grow...[2 Corinthians 12:10]
- When we entered this kingdom, suffering was in the brochure...[Mark 13:9]

Undergoing the focus shift for staying power...

What we focus on in order to STAY...psalm 42

- Seek God: Pursue His face [Luke 11:9-13]
 - Our active engagement is part of the Lord's ideal plan. God is not running from those who ask, seek and knock.
- Thank God: A grateful heart towards Him [1 Thessalonians 5:18]
 - Giving thanks in all circumstances is a NT command; a grateful heart sees blessings and finds contentment during trials in Christ [Philippians 4:12-13].
- Acknowledge God: Affirm His power [Psalm 18]
 - We serve the all-powerful God of the universe, but we rarely act like it. He is worthy of glory, and when we praise him for who he is we regain a realistic perspective and recall His faithfulness [Exodus 6:6-8].
- Yearn for God: Desire Him most of all [Psalm 27:4]
 - This cannot be taught: only you and the Holy Spirit of God can divine your true motives...[Psalm 139:23]
 - Pro Tip...delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desire of your heart [Psalm 37:4]...A heart bent towards Jesus Christ is secure during struggles.

The difference between persevering and folding...

- When we fold we get nothing...
 - When persevere we get...
- When we fold we scrape together 'spare glory' for ourselves
 - When we persevere our father receives glory...
- When we fold we engrain bad habits of dropping out.
 - When we persevere the Lord stamps the memory of endurance with him on our hearts.