

People ~ Part 5

“PERSEVERANCE”

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BIG IDEA

Choose daily to persevere in
love for God and people.

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT:

Many people of God who are known for their faith had to persevere through long periods of time before they ever saw any results. Begin your study by reading **Hebrews 11:1-12:3**.

In what things have you had to persevere, and how did that process affect your relationship with God? How was it affected **by** your faith?

What is the “weight that slows (you) down?”

(Hebrews 12:1) Could it be fear? Self-reliance? Anger? Lack of commitment? Lifestyle?

How do these “weights” keep you from running *with endurance* the race that God has set before you, and from passionately pursuing Him?

Describe a time in your life when your perseverance was a testimony to others of just how faithful God is.

*“We now have this light shining in our hearts,
but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars
containing this great treasure.*

*So everyone can see that our glorious power
is from God and is not our own.”*

II Corinthians 4:7

A portrait in perseverance – 2 Corinthians 6:3-10

Background

“commend”: (sunistanein) to prove or show

Types of issues we are to persevere through:

1. general trials
2. persecution
3. natural consequences of commitment

*“It is all about a passionate personal relationship with Jesus
that transforms our hearts not our circumstances!”*