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INCREASING OUR ENDURANCE

2 Corinthians 6:3-10

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*We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, **4** but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, **5** beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; **6** by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; **7** by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; **8** through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; **9** as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; **10** as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.*
(ESV)

1. Safeguard _____ (vv.3-4a)

2. Remember _____ (vv.6-8a)

3. Look _____ (vv.4b-5; 8b-10)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Philippians 1:27-28**. Where do you see opportunities to live in a way that clearly honors the gospel? In what parts of your weekly life do you sense the tension that being faithful could bring pushback, resistance, or even hostility?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:3-5**. What principle in this passage do you most need to guard in your own witness? How can you practically keep these truths in mind when you represent Christ in everyday conversations?
3. Read **Romans 1:16-17** and **Mark 8:38**. What has helped you the most in building courage to stand for Christ in your daily life? What practices or truths give you confidence when you're tempted to shrink back?
4. Read **Hebrews 12:2** and **2 Corinthians 6:9-10**. Give an example where you saw that the purpose of honoring Christ outweighed the difficulty or resistance you faced. What helped you stay focused on the bigger purpose?
5. Read **Revelation 1:7-8**. How does this prophetic glimpse of Christ's final triumph help you stay committed to your role as his ambassador today?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 20-08 – **Praying for Courage**
Msg. 12-04 – **Learning to Encourage One Another**
Msg. 06-38 – **Acquiring Strength & Stamina from an Omnipotent God**
Msg. 10-05 – **Evangelistic Opposition: How to Respond to Objections**
Msg. 15-58 – **Perseverance**
Msg. 22-07 – **Undeterred**
Msg. 13-02 – 13-05 **The Harsh But Good News** (a four-part series on sharing the gospel)

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Oct. 5th.....Is.31-33 & Phil.1
Oct. 6th.....Is.34-36 & Phil.2
Oct. 7th.....Is.37-38 & Phil.3
Oct. 8th.....Is.39-40 & Phil.4
Oct. 9th.....Is.41-42 & Col.1
Oct. 10th.....Is.43-44 & Col.2
Oct. 11th.....Is.45-47 & Col.3
Oct. 12th.....Is.48-49 & Col.4

Here are some books that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alcorn, Randy. **If God is Good: Faith in the Midst of Suffering and Evil**. Multnomah Books, 2014.
Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. B & H, 2000.
Leyshon, David. **Sickness, Suffering and Scripture**. Banner of Truth, 2008.
Mack, Wayne. **Courage: Fighting Fear with Fear**. P & R Publishing, 2014.
Mohler, Albert. **The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church**. Nelson Books, 2020.
Morgan, Christopher. **Suffering and the Goodness of God**. Crossway, 2008.
Rose Publishing. **Bible Promises of Hope and Courage [Pamphlet]**. Rose Publishing, Inc., 2006.
Schreiner, Thomas. **Run to Win the Prize: Perseverance in the New Testament**. Crossway, 2010.
Sweeting, Donald. **How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half**. Moody Press, 2012.
Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.
Watson, Thomas. **All Things for Good**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1986.
Wiersbe, Warren W. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.
_____. **Prayer, Praise & Promises: A Daily Walk Through the Psalms**. Baker Books, 2013.