

Activate Series

Part 5

Persevering Heart

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“Scripture quotations taken from the Amplified Bible.”
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Talk about the last weeks.

Soft Heart (Rock, Seed, Water)
Servant Heart (Towels, Washing feet)
Holy Heart (Fishing pole, speed limit)
Seeking Heart (Man in the desert)

PRAY

**I BREAK THE POWER OF SATAN OVER THE
RELIGIOUS SPIRITS IN THIS REGION, OVER THE
CHURCH AND SPECIFICALLY OVER THIS CHURCH IN
JESUS NAME.**

I BREAK THE LIE AND CURSE OF THE DEVIL ON EVERY PERSON, THE LIE THAT SAYS THEY ARE RIGHT WITH GOD WHEN THEY ARE NOT.

I BREAK THE LIE AND CURSE THAT PEOPLE CANT PUT GOD FIRST OVER THEIR WORK.

I BREAK THE CURSE AND LIE OVER THIS REGION THAT PEOPLE THINK THEIR CHRISTIANITY IS OKAY WHEN IN REALITY THEY DON'T SERVE GOD.

I BREAK THE CURSE OF EXCUSES THAT PEOPLE MAKE THAT CHURCH IS NOT IMPORTANT.

I BREAK THE CURSE AND LIE THAT THE POWER OF GOD IS NOT AVAILABLE, BUT IS RELEASED OVER THIS REGION, THIS CHURCH AND THIS PEOPLE IN JESUS NAME.

I DECLARE THAT WE HEAR THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. AND THE VOICE OF A STRANGER I WILL NOT FOLLOW.

I DECLARE THAT PEOPLE ARE SACRIFICING TO SERVE GOD WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS.

I DECLARE THAT THE POWER OF GOD IS FALLING ON THIS PLACE AND LIVES ARE BEING CHANGED.

I DECLARE THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE PRESENCE AND ANOINTING OF GOD AND FLOW WITH HIM (GOD) TO PERFORM HIS WISHES NOT OUR OWN.

I DECLARE THAT I BRING GLORY TO GOD IN MY LIFE BY OBEYING HIS WORD, DOING HIS WILL AND SERVING HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY.

I DECLARE THAT I AM VICTORIOUS IN CHRIST JESUS, I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR. I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST AND AM FILLED WITH HIS WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.

IN JESUS NAME, AMEN.

Everyday our minds face all kinds of emotional states. Sometimes situations turn very bad, we end up losing motivation and courage. Motivational and inspirational quotes or stories fire up our perseverance. Perseverance is the key to success. Here is a simple inspirational story.

King Venus and King Jupiter

There was a king called Jupiter, who ruled a small territory. He was not a great king, just another king who happened to inherit the kingdom from his father. He was not a great warrior, not an inspirational personality either. His kingdom was surrounded by a huge territory, which was ruled by a mighty king called Venus. Venus was displeased to see king Jupiter's territory. He could not digest

the fact that there was a tiny territory located within his huge kingdom, ruled by another king. Motivated by king Jupiter's tepidity, king Venus dreamt of capturing the territory. But he could not do so, because king Jupiter is his brother-in-law, he would have to do some real explaining at home if he ever sent his army to capture Jupiter. So Venus instructed his army to engage in skirmishes along the border. Once in a while those skirmishes went too far, and king Jupiter would run to his sister for help. She would persuade king Venus to let king Jupiter live in his territory.

One time when king Venus's army chased king Jupiter, he hid himself inside a cave. He was frustrated with his life. He told himself " what kind of a life is this? I cannot live in my own territory. This rude king Venus is chasing me out ever since I became a king. Why should I go on like this? Let me give up and go away somewhere". It just happened that while he was thinking he saw a spider on the cave trying to climb up the roof. Every time the spider climbed up it fell down, after a few steps. The spider then started all over, from the scratch. Again the spider slipped the mud and fell down. The spider went on like this for 91 times, eventually made it to the roof.

King Jupiter was in awe of the spider and its perseverance. That was his inspirational story and

he understood the value of perseverance. He told himself " If a little spider could hold on for 91 times, then why not me? I will fight forever for my territory".

King Jupiter went on fighting for his territory until the death of king Venus, and king Saturn, king Venus's son eventually assured him his kingdom would never be captured. The little spider motivated such a huge man. All we have to do is just look around nature for motivational facts.

Mother Theresa

People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.

Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.

Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies.

Succeed anyway.

The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.

Be honest and frank anyway.

The biggest men and women with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest men and women with the smallest minds.

Think big anyway.

People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for a few underdogs anyway.

What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.

Build anyway.

People really need help but may attack you if you do help them.

Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.

Give the world the best you have anyway.

Release to Jungle town.

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Today we are going to receive something brand new from the Lord.

Stand: Join hands across the auditorium.

Father speak to us, change us, we look to you as the great master.

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Show Video

1) Sometimes criticisms come because you persevere. Don't give up PERSEVERE.

2 Timothy 2:10

Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁰ Therefore I [am ready to] persevere and stand my ground with patience and endure everything for the sake of the elect [God's chosen], so that they too may obtain [the] salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with [the reward of] eternal glory.

In 1962, four nervous young musicians played their first record audition for the executives of the Decca recording Company. The executives were not impressed. While turning down this group of musicians, one executive said, "We don't like their sound. Groups of guitars are on the way out." The group was called The Beatles.

2) Sometimes people show a negative future. Follow God's word in your heart and PERSEVERE.

In 1954, Jimmy Denny, manager of the Grand Ole Opry, fired a singer after one performance. He told him, "You ain't goin' nowhere.... son. You ought to go back to drivin' a truck." He went on to become the most popular singer in America: Elvis Presley.

1 Timothy 5:5

Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁵ Now [a woman] who is a real widow and is left entirely alone and desolate has fixed her hope on God and perseveres in supplications and prayers night and day,

3) Sometimes people make hateful remarks. They hurt, but PERSEVERE.

When Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in 1876, it did not ring off the hook with calls from potential backers. After making a demonstration call, President Rutherford Hayes said, "That's an amazing invention, but who would ever want to use one of them?"

2 John 1:8

Amplified Bible (AMP)

⁸ Look to yourselves (take care) that you may not lose (throw away or destroy) all that we and you have labored for, but that you may [persevere until you] win and receive back a perfect reward [in full].

4) When you've tried and failed and tried some more, don't give up PERSEVERE.

When Thomas Edison invented the light bulb, he tried over 2000 experiments before he got it to work. A young reporter asked him how it felt to fail so many times. He said, "I never failed once. I invented the light bulb. It just happened to be a 2000-step process."

James 1:25

Amplified Bible (AMP)

²⁵ But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

5) Greatness is in the hearts of those who persevere, so PERSEVERE because greatness lives in you.

In the 1940s, another young inventor named Chester Carlson took his idea to 20 corporations, including some of the biggest in the country. They all turned him down. In 1947 - after seven long years of rejections, he finally got a tiny company in Rochester, New York, the Haloid Company, to

purchase the rights to his invention and process. Haloid became the 'Xerox Corporation' we know today.

Mark 13:13

Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹³ And you will be hated and detested by everybody for My name's sake, but he who patiently perseveres and endures to the end will be saved (made a partaker of the salvation by Christ, and delivered from spiritual death).

6) When all hope is lost and nothing seems to work, God is on your side and He is showing you the right way to go. PERSEVERE.

She was the 20th of 22 children. She was born prematurely and her survival was doubtful. When she was 4 years old, she contacted double pneumonia and scarlet fever, which left her with a paralysed left leg. At age 9, she removed the metal leg brace she had been dependent on and began to walk without it. By 13 she had developed a rhythmic walk, which doctors said was a miracle. That same year she decided to become a runner. She entered a race and came in last. For the next

few years every race she entered, she came in last. Everyone told her to quit, but she kept on running. One day she actually won a race. And then another. From then on she won every race she entered. Eventually this little girl, who was told she would never walk again, went on to win three Olympic gold medals!!! She was Wilma Rudolph !!

1 Timothy 4:16

Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁶ Look well to yourself [to your own personality] and to [your] teaching; persevere in these things [hold to them], for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

What is the character trait of PERSEVERANCE

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experiences of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved. You gain strength, experience and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face.... You must do the thing you cannot do. And remember, the finest steel gets sent through the hottest furnace. A winner is not one who never fails, but one who NEVER QUILTS! In LIFE,

remember that you pass this way only once! Let's live life to the fullest and give it our extreme best. Have a blissful life...

Matthew 10:22

Amplified Bible (AMP)

²² And you will be hated by all for My name's sake, but he who perseveres and endures to the end will be saved [from spiritual disease and death in the world to come].

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PRAY OVER THOSE WHO FEEL LIKE QUITTING.

ALTAR CALL

3. Luke 14:27

Whoever does not **persevere** and carry his own cross and come after (follow) Me cannot be My disciple.

Luke 14:26-28 (in Context) Luke 14 (Whole Chapter)

4. Luke 22:28

And you are those who have remained [throughout] and **persevered** with Me in My trials;

Luke 22:27-29 (in Context) Luke 22 (Whole Chapter)

5. Acts 2:42

And they steadfastly **persevered**, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers.

Acts 2:41-43 (in Context) Acts 2 (Whole Chapter)

6. 1 Timothy 4:16

Look well to yourself [to your own personality] and to [your] teaching; **persevere** in these things [hold to them], for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:15-16 (in Context) 1 Timothy 4 (Whole Chapter)

7. James 1:25

But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and **perseveres** in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

James 1:24-26 (in Context) James 1 (Whole Chapter)

8. 1 Peter 5:12

By Silvanus, a true (loyal, consistent, incorruptible) brother, as I consider him, I have written briefly to you, to counsel and urge and stimulate [you] and to declare [to you] that this is the true [account of the] grace (the undeserved favor) of God. Be steadfast and **persevere** in it.

1 Peter 5:11-13 (in Context) 1 Peter 5 (Whole Chapter)