

Learn to Persevere

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.

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Celebrate Summer Series

Let God Use Me

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Definition: Persevere—

to persist steadily in an action or belief, usually over a long period and especially despite problems or difficulties.

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:9 ESV

**If we are going to pray the prayer God Use Me...
I Must Persevere!**

I Must Persevere Through Life's Challenges

Persevering through Broken Relationships

“So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. And the king said, “Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence.” So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence.” 2 Samuel 14:23–24 ESV

“Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.” 2 Samuel 14:25 ESV

“Absalom answered Joab, “Behold, I sent word to you, ‘Come here, that I may send you to the king, to ask, “Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still.” Now therefore let me go into the presence of the king, and if there is guilt in me, let him put me to death.’ ”” 2 Samuel 14:32 ESV

“Then Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.” 2 Samuel 14:33 ESV

Persevering through Other's Selfish Ambition

*"After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him."
2 Samuel 15:1 ESV*

*"And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel," Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you." Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice.""
2 Samuel 15:2-4 ESV*

*"And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him."
2 Samuel 15:5 ESV*

*"Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."
2 Samuel 15:6 ESV*

Persevering When Attacked

*"Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, I grant this; go, bring "And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron. For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the LORD.' "
2 Samuel 15:7-8 ESV*

*"The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron."
2 Samuel 15:9 ESV*

*"But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!' " With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing." And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing."
2 Samuel 15:10-12 ESV*

*"And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom.""
2 Samuel 15:13 ESV*

*"Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."
2 Samuel 15:14 ESV*

*"When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man!"
2 Samuel 16:6-7 ESV*

*"Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head." But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?' "
2 Samuel 16:9-10 ESV*

*"And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today."
2 Samuel 16:11-12 ESV*

*"So David and his men went on the road, while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and flung dust. And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan. And there he refreshed himself."
2 Samuel 16:13-14 ESV*

"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58 ESV

"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart." Luke 18:1 ESV