

Lessons on God Perseverance!

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Series: 1 Kings – Lessons from the Journey

Perseverance—The Lord’s Response to My Stubbornness

“And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.””
Luke 12:15 ESV

“Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.””
Hebrews 13:5 ESV

Definition: Perseverance—Steady persistence in adhering to a course of action, a belief, or a purpose; steadfastness.

God Allows Life Challenges to Get My Attention - that Our Greater than My Abilities

“Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his army together. Thirty-two kings were with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and closed in on Samaria and fought against it.” 1 Kings 20:1 ESV

“And the people of Israel struck down of the Syrians 100,000 foot soldiers in one day.”
1 Kings 20:29 ESV

“Then he mustered the servants of the governors of the districts, and they were 232. And after them he mustered all the people of Israel, seven thousand.”
1 Kings 20:15 ESV

- Costing More than I Can Afford

“And he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel and said to him, “Thus says Ben-hadad: ‘Your silver and your gold are mine; your best wives and children also are mine.’ ””
1 Kings 20:2–3 ESV

“And the king of Israel answered, “As you say, my lord, O king, I am yours, and all that I have.””
1 Kings 20:4 ESV

“Nevertheless I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants and lay hands on whatever pleases you and take it away.””
1 Kings 20:6 ESV

- Allows Multiples of Difficulties

“Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, “Mark, now, and see how this man is seeking trouble, for he sent to me for my wives and my children, and for my silver and my gold, and I did not refuse him.” And all the elders and all the people said to him, “Do not listen or consent.””
1 Kings 20:7–8 ESV

“Ben-hadad sent to him and said, “The gods do so to me and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people who follow me.””
1 Kings 20:10 ESV

- God Grace is Offered to the Stubborn

“And behold, a prophet came near to Ahab king of Israel and said, “Thus says the LORD, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will give it into your hand this day, and you shall know that I am the LORD.””
1 Kings 20:13 ESV

“if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”
2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

Will I Let God Help Me?

1. By Asking for His Help

“And Ahab said, “By whom?” He said, “Thus says the LORD, By the servants of the governors of the districts.” Then he said, “Who shall begin the battle?” He answered, “You.””
1 Kings 20:14 ESV

2. By Following His Instruction

“Then he mustered the servants of the governors of the districts, and they were 232. And after them he mustered all the people of Israel, seven thousand.”
1 Kings 20:15 ESV

Three Ways God Guides Me

-Through His Word

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”
Hebrews 4:12 ESV

-Through My Prayer

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”
James 1:5 ESV

-Through Godly Counsel

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,”
Ephesians 4:11–12 ESV

Will I Respond to the Lord?

“for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.””
Hebrews 13:5 ESV