

# Cornerstones Of Faith

## “Perseverance”

### Luke 8:15

*The Christian life is NOT always a Mountaintop Experience!*

*The Christian's Life is NOT a 50 Yard Dash, it's MORE like a Marathon.*

*Today, we'll find Encouragements that describe HOW & WHY we ALL need to PERSEVERE through the inevitable Struggles of life.*

#### 1. PERSEVERANCE PRODUCES RESULTS (Luke 8:4-8)

- What's the **BIG DIFFERENCE** between *this last Group & the Rest?* (v.15)
- They **PERSEVERE**, allowing their faith to take **ROOT** & produce **FRUIT**.
- **What FRUIT does this kind of Perseverance produce? New Believers.**
- **THIS** is one of the **GREAT Values** of **YOUR Redemption Story**.

#### 2. LIFE'S TRIALS WILL MAKE YOU STRONGER (James 1:2-4)

- A **Key Aspect** of perseverance is **Patience**.
- Learn to **Patiently Allow trials** to **Build** in you a **Reinvigorated & Resilient Faith in the Goodness of God**.
- **God Promises** that with **Great Trial** comes **Greater Grace**. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- **God Wants you** to view trials as **“Opportunities for Spiritual Growth.”**

#### 3. CHRIST ENDURED GREAT PAIN FOR US (Hebrews 12:1-3)

- Jesus **PAID a Debt** He didn't owe because We **OWED a Debt** we couldn't pay.
- **YOU** are the **“JOY that was set before Him.”** (Heb. 12:2)
- God will **See Us Through** to the **END**. (Philippians 1:6)
- **“What God STARTS, God FINISHES.”**

#### 4. GOD HONORS THOSE WHO PERSEVERE (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

- When the **End Comes Near** for **US**, we can only look in **Two Directions...**
  1. **Paul Looked BACK** (v.7)
  2. **Paul Also Looked AHEAD** (v.8)
- **Live in light** of the **Lord's Return**, **Live in Obedience** to God's Word & **Do the Work** He's called you to do, **you'll be Crowned**.

- *Is there Crown of Righteousness laid up for YOU?*