

REJOICE

because suffering is not pointless.

REMAIN

because endurance is doing a work in me.

REMEMBER JESUS

because the cross proves that present suffering does not determine the final outcome.

2 Thessalonians 3 “May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance.”

Memory verse: James 1:2 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”



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FOR
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MADE FOR MORE THAN COMFORT

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1. REJOICE

Endurance begins with how we interpret the trials and the difficulties we are going through.

James 1:2 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds.”

Joy considers outcome.

James 1:3 “... because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

Trial → Testing → Endurance → Maturity

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Romans 5:3-5 “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

Suffering → Endurance → Character → Hope

2. REMAIN

James 1:4 “Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

Hypomonē - “to remain, endure, stand one’s ground.”

So often we want God to give us the supernatural ability to escape when He wants to give us the supernatural ability to endure.

Colossians 1:10-12 “So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light.”

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What is on the other side of remaining?

→ Maturity now — James 1:4

→ Crown of life ultimately — James 1:12

3. REMEMBER (JESUS)

Hebrews 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

There is a cost to faithfulness. Sometimes that cost is endurance.

Romans 15:4 “For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.”

Hebrews 12:2 “... looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

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