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PERSEVERANCE

Why Perseverance

—So much more to experience when you pass through the threshold of pain

—Perseverance does not exist without a goal

The Battle

Start/Keep On/Finish

Change the Mindset

The only thing that prevents you from living out with confidence what God has is you looking at your story backwards.

Separate the past from the present (and the future). Start saying, “That was then; this is now.” No longer link the chaos of your early years (or whatever negative experiences you have had in the past) with the expectations you have for things that come up in today’s world.

What is Required Perseverance?

Per-se-ver-ance—steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

- Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

Let us run with perseverance

1. Passion does not exist without a purpose

—“It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. Every other path leads to a dead end .”

- Psalms 138:8 (NIV)

—Finding your passion is more than knowing, your career or money. Its about you finding authentic self. Which may be buried beneath the needs of others.

—Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease moving forward.

2. Problem

—Problems should be viewed as an opportunity for creativity to kick in. The promise of skillful living is made to all those who will “listen to and accept instruction.”

- Proverbs 19:20 (NIV)

You are going to face problems, opposition, obstacles and refining. Your faith will grow through these challenges.

Choice to Be Wise or...

Go Deeper	Quit
Wisdom	Alone/ Detour
God	Captive

Problems are not stop signs they are guidelines to the next level.

3. Patience—tolerant and even perseverance

- James 5:8-11 (ESV)
- Philippians 1:6 (ESV)
- Psalm 86:15 (ESV)

Patience is when you do the countdown before the takeoff

4. Prayer—Space in your day to pray, space for God, dedication to connect, practice and trust.

Prayer may sound weak, not knowing what to say. The power of prayer is the one who hears, who can answer. Don't be afraid to ask.

- Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

5. People

- Acts 2:42-45 (ESV)

Can't do it on your own.