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Topic: Grace to Endure

Every one of us faces difficult and temptation time in our lives when we want to give up even on what God has called us to do.

No one can escape this kind of season.

Temptation doesn't give regards to a pastor or a church leader.

The question is, what do you do with that temptation?

One characteristic of people who God uses is that they never give up.

So, what should you do when you feel like giving up?

The Bible gives us six actions God wants us to take when we feel like giving up.

The actions are spell out in the word ENDURE.

E – Embrace God's purpose.

We can endure almost anything if we know there is a purpose behind it, because without a purpose, we'll collapse.

The Bible says this about God's purpose behind our problems:

(1 Peter 1:7 NLT) "These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold".

Your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold.

People often mean evil toward you, but God brings good out of the bad. God's purpose behind your problems is always greater than any problem you're experiencing.

In fact, the Bible tells us in the book of James 1:3-4 NIV) "You know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything".

No matter what you're going through right now, enduring the trial will help you become more like Jesus. Never forget, God never wastes a hurt.

N – Nurture your spiritual roots.

The Bible tells us we develop spiritual roots by sinking them deep into God's Word. To illustrate this point, Jesus uses the Parable of the Sower.



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He notes four kinds of hearts who hear the Word of God and respond to it. The person whose faith grows is the one who has roots deep in the Word.
Luke 8:15 "The seed in the good earth—these are the good-hearts who seize the Word and hold on no matter what, sticking with it until there's a harvest".

Circumstances change. Public opinion changes. Culture changes.
Prophecy, vision, miracles, signs and wonders will cease.
But the Bible says the Word of God lasts forever.

When you build your life on something that doesn't change, you find stability in the midst of trials.

D – Direct your attention on Jesus Christ.

Corrie ten Boom once said, "If you look at the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look at God you'll be at rest."
You can either look at your problems, or you can look at the solution.

The more you look at God, the smaller the problems get. The more you look at your problems, the larger they get. The Bible tells us to do this in Hebrews 12:2: "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus endured the cross by looking beyond it, to what God would do through it to save us.

To overcome the difficulties in your life, you have to redirect your attention away from the problem and toward Jesus Christ who gives the solution.

U – Use your experience to help others.

Sometimes we experience troubles because God wants us to use those problems to help others.

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 1:6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and



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salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer.

Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

As God comforts you through whatever pain you're experiencing, he is preparing you to comfort others with the very comfort you've been given.

Remembering how God will use our pain to help others is one of the reasons we can endure pain. Our love for others keeps us going.

The Bible says, "Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance" (1 Corinthians 13:7 NLT).

R – Rely on God's power.

You can't endure pain on your own. You need God's power to handle it.

In fact, God never meant for you to go through life on your own power.

Colossians 1:11 says, "We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need" (NLT). God uses difficulties to teach us to trust him.

You don't know God is all you need until God is all you have.

E – Expect God to bless you.

Faith is expecting God to do something in our life.

Matthew 9:29 says, "Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith let it be to you.'"

We need to know how much God helps us through the difficult times.

If you expect God to help you, He will.

God makes this promise to us in James 1:12: "God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him" (NLT).

God wants us to grow in faith.

Endurance is one of the most important characteristics any of us can develop in Christ and in the ministry.

Hebrews 10:36 says, "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: