

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Endurance

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Enter 2019 with a heart and a mindset to increase in endurance. There is a race set out before us to run. Strength and agility are required to run the race, as are focus and determination. All of these are connected to endurance. "You will need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised." (Heb. 10.36). 1 Thes. tells us that **endurance is inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.** Endurance is an issue of the heart. When we grow weary of enduring or well-doing our heart grows sick. To endure is to be steadfast, constant, deliberate, and patient. To remain in the race to win the prize. Remaining in endurance keeps us from dropping out, becoming isolated and being distracted from our God-given assignments and from life itself. We have been given victory through Jesus Christ – the enemy has been defeated – endurance keeps us connected to that victory in a conscious life-giving way. We know whom we have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day. (2 Tim. 1.12). Endurance is NOT a passive stance of waiting for something to be over. Endurance is fierce faith that puts a demand on heaven, pulling the word of God and truth into the NOW. Endurance says we have set our face like flint. Endurance says God is able to do what He says; His promises are yes and amen. We open our hearts and minds for endurance to multiply and increase on the inside of us. We thank God Almighty for His abundant provision of ALL that is needed to overcome, endure, rise above and soar!



Isaiah 43.10-11 NIV

¹⁰ **"You are my witnesses,"** declares the LORD,
"and my servant **whom I have chosen,**
so that you may **know and believe me**
and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed,
nor will there be one after me.

¹¹ I, even **I, am the LORD,**
and **apart from me there is no savior.**

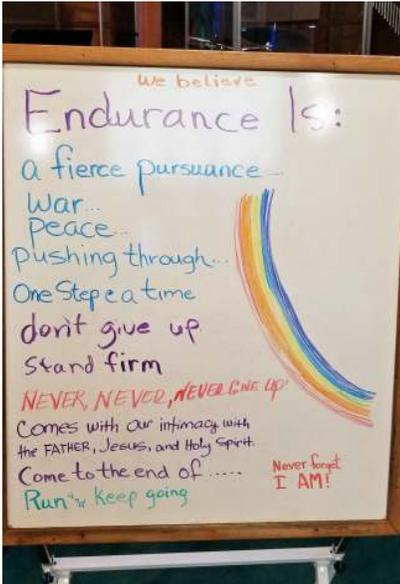
- We have been chosen for such a time as this to endure and make our stand in Christ regardless of all else.
- Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Endurance requires us to say who we believe Christ to be.

Colossians 1.9-14 NIV

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We **continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,** ¹⁰ 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,** ¹¹ **being strengthened with all power** according to his glorious might **so that you may have great endurance and patience,**



¹² 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. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and **brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,** ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.



2 Corinthians 6.4 TPT

⁴ Yet, as God's servants, we prove ourselves authentic in every way.

For example:

We have great endurance in hardships and in persecutions.

We don't lose courage in a time of stress and calamity.

Remaining in endurance, believing God, impacts our vision of how we see Detroit. Endurance increases as we keep our eyes and heart set on things above knowing that God's arm is not too short to keep Detroit. We see the future of our city as God has defined it and spoken words of promise over Detroit. We contend for the manifestation of those promises by believing and standing in faith, speaking those things that are not as though they were. Seeing our city prophetically. Seeing the angelic activity. Seeing change. Seeing His kingdom come and His will be done. We do the same for our own lives and families.

Jeremiah 29.10-14 Amp Reworded

¹⁰ "For thus says the LORD to Detroit '...**I will visit (inspect) you and keep My good promise to you,** to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ **For I know the plans and thoughts that I have for you,' says the LORD,** 'plans for peace and well-being and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and **I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you.** ¹³ Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and **require Me [as a vital necessity] and [you will] find Me** when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,' says the LORD, 'and **I will restore your fortunes** and I will [free you and] gather you...'

Jeremiah 30.18-20 MSG Reworded

"**I'll turn things around for Detroit.**

I'll compassionately **come in and rebuild homes.**

The town will be rebuilt on its old foundations; the mansions will be splendid again.

Thanksgivings will pour out of the windows; laughter will spill through the doors.

Things will get better and better.

Depression days are over.

Detroit will thrive and flourish.

The days of contempt will be over.

Detroit will look forward to having children again, to being a community in which I take pride.

I'll punish anyone who hurts them, and their prince will come from their own ranks."



Jeremiah 31.10-12 NIV Reworded

¹⁰“Hear the word of the LORD, Detroit;
proclaim it in distant coastlands:
'He who scattered Detroit will gather it
and will watch over his city like a shepherd.'

¹¹ For **the LORD will deliver Detroit
and redeem Detroit** from the hand of those stronger than it.

¹² **Detroit will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion;
it will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD—
the grain, the new wine and the olive oil,
the young of the flocks and herds.
You will be like a well-watered garden,
and will sorrow no more.**

