



# Endurance





The theme this month is endurance and overcoming in spite of difficulty.

Every one of us come to a point a time when we want to give up and quit. Every once in a while, in life, we all reach a point where we are just ready to throw in the towel and give up. We're tired, frustrated, and exhausted and feel like there's no use in continuing to try. Whether it's a job, a relationship, marriage, health related problems, school, trying to lose weight, etc.

We sometimes just don't see any light at the end of the tunnel and had rather just quit the fight. We reach the point where we ask: Lord why? Lord, how long are we going to withstand all this? Have you been there before? As Believers we must learn how to endure. Endurance means to hold up under.

In Ecclesiastes 9:11 NLT it says, I have observed something else under the sun. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skillful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives. It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time.



Solomon was saying something out of a coach's manual. He said, "It isn't always the strongest Believers, it isn't always the fastest Believers, that wins in life." He made an observation that many times to be a winner, means you just won't give up, you just won't give in, and you won't quit no matter how hard the race gets in life. Today, that is our message, don't quit, don't stop, don't give up and don't give in, and you will be a winner.

*Winners never quit, and quitters never win!*

Hebrews 12:2, says for the joy set before him endured the cross. This is one of my favorite verses in the Word of God. Jesus didn't give up his mission, because he could see past the pain, past the cross, past the grave, into the glory that awaited Him. As a believer, you must realize that Jesus is the forerunner, the first one in. But just like He did, we must endure the cross for the joy that will be revealed in us. Jesus did it, because winners never quit, and quitters never win. Never give up on God, because God will never give up on You!

Love,

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