

Faith Alive!

Resilient Perseverance in Adversity

James 5:10-11

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Sir Winston Churchill

- *I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat...*
- *We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight in the fields, we shall fight on the streets...*
- *Never give in, never give in. Never. Never. Never. Never. Never!*

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- **Follow the Pattern of Others:
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Here's what resilient perseverance looks like...
 - 'example' = model, mold, pattern to follow
See John 13:15
 - Resolute endurance in times of personal adversity
 - Endurance = 'patience stretched out'

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 - Acts 7:52
Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute?
 - Heb 11:35-38

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 - **Yet the blessing of God rested on them**
 - Not the emotional state of happiness, but the objective the reality of experiencing God’s approval
 - God’s blessing does not mean that we are preserved from suffering, but that He preserves us in suffering.
 - Those who cross the finish line are the ones who obtain the prize. See I Cor 9:24-27

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 - See Job 7:7,11-16; 3:1,11,12; 16:2-3 30:20-23

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 - **Not passive, stoic acceptance... but he refused to ‘curse God and die’**
 - **Better at the end than at the beginning.**
 - See Job 42:12; Job 42:1-6; I Peter 1:4

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Personal Application

- **If God didn't spare the prophets from adversity but instead preserved them in it, what do we expect?**
Behold the Lord's compassion and mercy!
- **Don't hesitate to pour out your hurt, confusion and frustration to God... but continue to persevere to the end – you will come out victorious on the other side.**
- **Never give in. Never give in. Never. Never!**