

Week 4:

Perseverance for the Win



Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read 2 Chronicles 20:20-21. King Jehoshaphat and his army praised God even when circumstances seemed impossible. How does praising God in difficult circumstances change your outlook? What does praising God look like in your life?
3. Share where you have seen or had hard life circumstances not change or improve, but you still experienced a God-provided change of heart and perspective. How did that "skill of perseverance" impact you and those around you?
4. Read Psalm 121:1-2. Where do you look for help when you need it? How has that benefited you or made things worse in your life? How can you develop a habit of looking to God?
5. Pastor Ron teaches that real victory is on a heart level and not always a circumstantial one. What do you find challenging about that? How does that comfort you?
6. Pastor Ron points out that the Levites praised God BEFORE the victory arrived. They focused their attention on God rather than the outcome of the battle. Where do you need to shift your perspective to praising God instead of waiting on circumstances to change?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 4:18. Pastor Ron reminds us that waiting is an essential part of faith. Where are you waiting for God in your life? How is the waiting process growing your faith now? Where are you struggling? Check out the additional scripture references below if you need encouragement to keep enduring & persevering!

Scripture References

2 Chronicles 20:17-22, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. Psalm 121:1-2, 2 Chronicles 20:29-30

Additional References about Perseverance: Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2-5; 2 Peter 1:3-9; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5; James 5:10-11; Hebrews 10:36-37; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Daniel 3:16-18; 1 Peter 4:7-13; Revelation 3:8-13; Hebrews 12:1-3.

Takeaways

- What if real victory is on a heart level and not a circumstantial one?
- We must develop the skill of perseverance.
- Faith that is waiting and still worshipping is powerful in God's hands.

Weekly Action Step

2 Corinthians 4:17 says, "For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!" Find one small problem you can solve for another person each day this week and solve it for them.