

Hebrews 10:36-39 (NIV): “You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.” And, “But my righteous one will live by faith, And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.” But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.” Hebrews 10:36-39 (NIV)

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because 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.” James 1:2-4 (NIV)

As a church family, as the body of Christ, we must persevere together.

Each of us must have an ACTIVE relationship with the Lord.

This personal commitment (active) enhances the collective strength and unity of the church, allowing the church to function effectively as a body of believers who support and encourage one another in faith and service.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...” Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

To persevere we must understand it will get better.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)

To persevere we must understand it won't get better.

“And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.” Luke 4:13 (NIV)

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We must persevere together!

**“...God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”
James 4:6 (NIV)**

“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 (NIV)

“Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NIV)

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 (NIV)