



Series Topical

Passage 2 Chronicles 20, Hebrews 10:35-36

Title The Virtue of Perseverance

Speaker: Pastor David Menard 11/26/2017

- **Discussion Starter:** Perseverance is important in every aspect of our lives. What role does perseverance play in our spiritual growth? (See 2 Peter 1:5-8)

We Cannot Fail

- Dave pointed out that there is only one way to fail in Christ – to give up. How might Satan conspire to break your spirit and lead you to give up? How might giving up manifest itself in your life? What are the consequences of quitting to you and those around you? Discuss areas especially related to family, vice, addiction, character.
- What were the Five Essential Elements of Perseverance mentioned in the message?
- Like many things that are good for us (eating well and exercise, for example) many of us may ignore the necessity of building our spiritual endurance. Why is it difficult to practice these spiritual disciplines?

Communing with God (2 Chronicles 20:3)

- Jehoshaphat declared a fast (2 Chronicles 20:3). Does this make logical sense? Shouldn't he have been putting together battle plans? What essential element is Jehoshaphat modeling? What in Jehoshaphat's character led him to think of calling on God as his first response to catastrophe? How do you think this portion of his character formed?

Regular Fellowship (2 Chronicles 20:4)

- Why is perseverance important in the building of strong, healthy relationships? Why are strong, godly relationships essential to our spiritual health? What barriers exist to the formation of these relationships? What in Jehoshaphat's character compelled the people of Judah to respond to his call to gather?

God Loves You (2 Chronicles 20:6-7)

- God loves you and has demonstrated His love. Name a few things God has done for all of us. What are some of His promises? How might Satan try to get you to look away from what God has done for you? How did Jehoshaphat demonstrate his understanding of the importance of remembering what God had done for Israel?

Focus on God and Not Your Own Problems (2 Chronicles 20:12)

- What does this mean practically? What happens to us spiritually when we obsess about our own problems and situation? How did Jehoshaphat respond to his fear? How does remembering God's promises help calm our obsessive fears?

Stretching Our Faith (2 Chronicles 20:14-17)

- Why does God love to stretch our faith? In what circumstances did Judah find itself? What happens to our need for faith when we face an impossible situation (like sickness, job loss, death of family member)? When is the best time to strengthen our faith?