

## ENDURING IN THE BATTLE

Ecclesiastes 9.11-18, 10.1-4, 12-14, 20 // August 4, 2019

### NO GUARANTEES

We know that difficulty will come upon us all. But we tend to think that there are surefire ways to avoid them. But this is not the case. No amount of planning, intelligence, or even wisdom itself can prevent hardship. However, there is something we can do to help *prepare us* for hardship and *help us* to get through the hardship.

God will absolutely give you more than you can handle. But He does this to bring about a strength that comes *from* Him and *in* your weakness. He does this to help you learn to trust in Him and lean not on your own understanding.

### OUTLIVING YOUR CRITICS

It is in foolishness that we tend to respond to difficulties with defensiveness, complaints, and bitter attacks towards the person or thing that is coming against us. But it is hard to restrain ourselves when a fool comes with his or her accusations, complaints, bitterness, unmet (and usually previously unknown!) expectations and surrounds us when we are weak.

But we ought not give in to the scheme of the enemy, and we ought to let a soft word turn away their wrath.

Expectations are premeditated resentments.

Proverbs 18.2, 17.28 // Psalms 55.21, 22

### CHRIST, OUR EXAMPLE

The lowly Servant King was at one time surrounded by His enemies. They came against Him, they took hold of Him, accused Him, and condemned Him. But He remained silent, and He did not defend Himself, but rather laid aside His rights, His comfort, and even His own life for their sake.

Preach the Gospel, die, and be forgotten.

-Count Zinzendorf

Psalm 18.1-6, 31.1-5, 59.6, 7, 62.5-8



## NOTES:

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 6:6-7

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at [amber@lifemission.tv](mailto:amber@lifemission.tv)**

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at [tyler@lifemission.tv](mailto:tyler@lifemission.tv)**.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the Memory Verse?

Read Ecclesiastes 9.11-18, 10.1-4, 12-14, 20. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

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Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does the Good News shape how you respond to difficult circumstances when people or events seem to come against you? What truth can you actively preach to yourself to help you trust in the Lord's strength and not your natural way of response?

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Repent and Ask for Provision

It is easy (and quite natural!) for us to respond to criticism or complaints with defensiveness and an "equal and opposite" reaction. What ways do you often respond to difficulty sinfully? Do you blame-shift, or get passive aggressive, or gossip? What might you need to repent of and what might you ask God to help you with?

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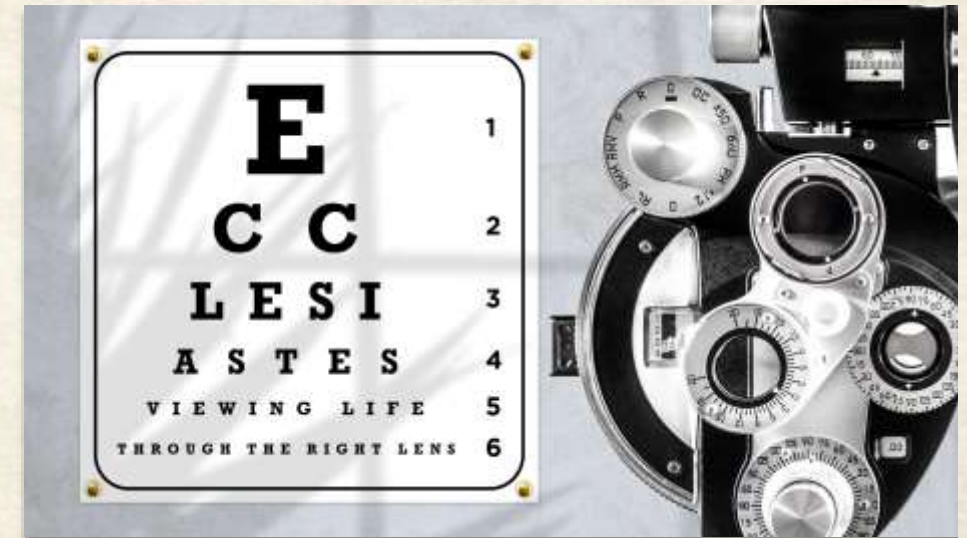
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Your Life Mission

God has called us all to wash the feet of the people He has brought into our lives, even laying down our rights and comfort to serve them. How can your group be praying for the people in your life that you love and care for, as well as those that God has simply brought into your life, even if under difficult circumstances?

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End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the P.R.A.Y. model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love. Make sure to end your time of prayer Yielding with Thanksaiving for God's sovereignty and plan for your life



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**SUNDAYS AT 10AM**

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