

PERSEVERANCE AND HOPE

IN A WORLD OF CHAOS

INTRODUCTION

- Isaiah 61:1-3
 - ¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,
 - ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
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 - ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.
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JESUS CAME TO BRING US GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL)

- The good news is a tangible, grab it with your hands kind of good news
 - It's a healing, freedom and gladness kind of good news
 - It's a comforting, turning your world upside down for the good kind of good news
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JESUS CALLS US TO FOLLOW HIM

- Matthew 11:20-24 (NIV)
 - ²⁰ Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent....
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- Matthew 11:20-24 (NIV)
 -²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.
 - ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”
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- Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)
 - ²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
 - ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”
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- Romans 8:
 - ²⁸ “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”
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GOD CALLS US TO PERSEVERE

- Hebrews 10:19-25
 - ¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
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- Hebrews 10:19-25
 - ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.
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- Hebrews 10:19-25
 - ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
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- Hebrews 10:32-39
 - ³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.
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- Hebrews 10:32-39
 - ³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.
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- Hebrews 10:32-39
 - ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.”
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- Hebrews 10:32-39
 - ³⁸ And, “But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.” ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.
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- Cor. 4:8-10
 - ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.
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JESUS GIVES US HOPE EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF DIFFICULTY

- Romans 5:2-5
 - 2And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope.
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- Romans 5:2-5
 - ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
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- Psalm 1:3 New International Version (NIV)
 - ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
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- 2 Timothy 1:7 King James Version (KJV)
 - 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
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- Zephaniah 3:17 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - 17 “The Lord your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior.
He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love,
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.
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- Revelation 1:17-18 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - ¹⁷ ... And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,¹⁸ and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
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- 1 Corinthians 2:9 New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - ⁹ but just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the heart of man, All that God has prepared for those who love Him.”
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- **John 14:18** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - **18** “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.
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- **1 Corinthians 10:13** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - **13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.
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- **Isaiah 54:17** New International Version (NIV)
 - **17** no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.
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- **Psalm 34:19** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - **19** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.
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- Nahum 1:7 New International Version (NIV)
 - ⁷The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him,
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- **Jeremiah 29:11** New American Standard Bible (NASB)
 - **11** For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
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- Revelation 21:4 King James Version (KJV)
 - 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
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