

Home Group Notes
Week of November 12, 2023
“Endurance” series #2

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WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE?

When have you had to endure much to maintain or improve a relationship? What was the result?

LEARN FROM GOD’S WORD

This portion of the Home Group Notes is for each person to learn from God’s Word, the Bible, before they come to their group meeting. Consider what we learn from reading and answering the following passages and questions.

Read Romans 5:1-5

By our faith in Jesus’ work on the cross and His resurrection, God, in grace, ushers us into a right relationship with Him and then we have “peace with God.” As a result, we see the benefits as we live in this peace by faith: (1) We boast in the hope [expectation] of the glory of God, and (2) We learn to glory in our sufferings.

As we read on, what part does “endurance” or “perseverance” play in the growth of hope?

How then, does a life of hope grow in our lives?

Read Romans 15:1-7

In the previous chapter, Paul developed a key command to live for the welfare of others. In this passage, the author challenges those who are strong in faith, [strong in the liberty of living unburdened by Old Testament laws and rules that no longer applied] to bear with or be sensitive to those who had strong convictions about food laws and other Old Testament teachings that Christ already fulfilled or superseded. The strong were to “build up” the weak.

How were “the strong” to treat “the weak?” What were they to be and do?

Whose example were they to follow? How were they and us to follow?

How is endurance/perseverance essential to actions and attitudes? What do we learn?

What are the results of this loving endurance?

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What place does endurance / perseverance have in our lives individually? What does it produce?

How is endurance in relationships essential to community life? What does it produce?

Application question: How is this call to “bear with” others and “not [live] to please ourselves needed in our community at Trinity Church? Where is “endurance and encouragement” (15:5) involved and needed in our fellowship?

PLEASE PRAY

- Please pray for Sam, Abby, and Amani Anaya as they battle leukemia.
- Please pray for our Elders and the Pastor search team
- Please pray for Israel and Palestine