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Podcast Worksheet
Perseverance: Testimonies from Noah and Moses

Scriptural Text:

Exodus 3:11, 12; 4:1, 10; 5:21-23; Romans 9:15-17, 20-21; Hebrews 11:7a, 24-27; 12:1; James 1:2-4, 12

Main Points:

) Perseverance: *To persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement. To try hard and continuously in spite of obstacles and difficulties.*
Webster's Dictionary

) Perseverance involves faith, true beliefs, the right perspective, and commitment.

Twelve Traits. Perseverance means:

1. ...obeying even if it involves accomplishing an overwhelmingly large project.
2. ...possibly working in the same capacity for decades, or even your whole life.
3. ...continuing in the work even though God hasn't given you a fresh word.
4. ...keeping at it even if no one understands or supports you.
5. ...obeying even if you don't necessarily feel qualified for the job.
6. ...focusing on God's abilities, not your own.
7. ...obeying even when you can't easily see how or what you are to do.
8. ...keeping at it even if people do not understand what God has asked you to do.
9. ...trusting God has put into you everything you need to succeed.
10. ...doing what God has told you to do even when you are judged and persecuted and see no results.
11. ...continuing even when things are not going smoothly or quickly.
12. ...God will produce results though your life.

Questions:

1. Look over the 12 traits. Share an example of when you displayed one of the traits.

2. Which of the 12 traits still give you trouble? Share an example of a time when you possibly gave up too soon.

3. What false beliefs might have been in play in the example you gave in #2?

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, help me take the focus off myself and surrender the use of my life to you, trusting you to work in me to do your will. Make me one who perseveres in the face of obstacles and difficulties. Help me always remember that the purpose of my life is to obey and serve you, not myself. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to: