



USEFUL TO THE LORD Tenacious Endurance

ACTS 14:19-23

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Acts 14:19 But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. **20** But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. **21** When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, **22** strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. **23** And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. (ESV)

1. Rely _____ (vv.19-21a)

2. Keep _____ (vv.21b-22)

3. Pray _____ (v.23)



Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 11:22-29**. How does reading this list and envisioning the difficulties that Paul had to endure as he served Christ embolden you? In what ways does it change your assumptions and expectations?
2. Read **1 Timothy 6:11-16**. How can maintaining a high view of God and his greatness help you to endure the challenges that come with living out your Christian life and fulfilling your ambassadorship in our generation?
3. Read **Isaiah 40:28-31**. How would you explain, to a new Christian going through challenging times, how to put this passage into practice? In what ways can you testify to this text being true?
4. Read **Hebrews 12:1-4**. What aspect of this passage spurs you on the most? What specific part of this text do you need to remember more often?
5. Read **Luke 18:1-8**. Though it seems our world will forever push back against those who stand for what is righteous, what in Christ's exhortation here can help you to hang on with tenacious endurance?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

April 3rd

Judg.10-11 & Lk.9:1-36

April 4th

Judg.12-14 & Lk.9:37-62

April 5th

Judg.15-17 & Lk.10:1-24

April 6th

Judg.18-19 & Lk.10:25-42

April 7th

Judg.20-21 & Lk.11:1-28

April 8th

Ruth1-4 & Lk.11:29-54

April 9th

1Sam.1-3 & Lk.12:1-34

April 10th

1Sam.4-6 & Lk.12:35-59

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Msg. 22-07 – **Undeterred**

Msg. 19-30 – **Unfazed by Sovereign Challenges**

Msg. 15-35 – **The Fear of Rejection**

Msg. 15-03 – **When You've Been Rejected**

Msg. 19-29 – **Praying for Progress**

Msg. 15-58 – **Perseverance**

Msg. 05-37 – **A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Alexander, Eric J. **Prayer: A Biblical Perspective**. Banner of Truth, 2012.

Bounds, E. M. **The Complete Works of E. M. Bounds on Prayer**. Baker Books, 1990.

Bunyan, John. **Prayer**. Reprint. Waymark Books, 2011.

Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.

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Hiebert, Edmond. **Working with God Through Intercessory Prayer**. BJU Press, 1991.

Hull, Bill. **The Disciple Making Church**. Fleming H. Revell Co., 1990.

Mohler, Albert. **The Gathering Storm: Secularism, Culture, and the Church**. Nelson Books, 2020.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century**. Crossway Books, 1994.

Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. "A Case Study in the Warning Passages" in **Still Sovereign**. Baker, 2000.

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Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.

Torrey, R. A. **The Power of Prayer & the Prayer of Power**. Reprint. Zondervan, 1987.

Wiersbe, Warren W. **Prayer: Basic Training**. Tyndale, 1988.