

Overcomer

LADIES FALL CONFERENCE
Heather Hills Baptist Church

SESSION THREE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

1 John 4:4, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

One day George Muller began praying for five of his friends. After many months, one of them came to the Lord. Ten years later, two others were converted. It took 25 years before the fourth man was saved. Muller persevered in prayer until his death for the fifth friend, and throughout those 52 years he never gave up hoping that he would accept Christ! His faith was rewarded, for soon after Muller's funeral the last one was saved.

From the Diary of John Wesley. . .

- Sunday, A.M., May 5
Preached in St. Anne's. Was asked not to come back anymore.
- Sunday, P.M., May 5
Preached in St. John's. Deacons said, “Get out and stay out.”
- Sunday, A.M., May 12
Preached in St. Jude's. Can't go back there, either.
- Sunday, A.M., May 19
Preached in St. Somebody Else's. Deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't return.
- Sunday, P.M., May 19
Preached on street. Kicked off street.
- Sunday, A.M., May 26
Preached in meadow. Chased out of meadow as bull was turned loose during service.
- Sunday, A.M., June 2
Preached out at the edge of town. Kicked off the highway.
- Sunday, P.M., June 2
Afternoon, preached in a pasture. Ten thousand people came out to hear me.

Source unknown

Hebrews 12:1-3, *“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”*

From my journal, June 26, 2022:

Dave and I just assumed our plans would come to fruition. We never thought that one of us might leave the earth soon. **Proverbs 4:23**, *“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.”* Keep (guard) your heart. It’s so important. Our hearts are fortified by the truth of God’s word. That is what will come out when trials come. Do you believe God is always good? Always? Do you know God’s faithfulness, his love, his grace? Do you love him more than anyone or anything? This is what will come out in your next trial. Never forget **James 1:2-4**, *“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations. Knowing this, that the trying of your faith, worketh patience. But let patience (endurance) have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect, and entire, wanting nothing.”* Endurance in the Greek has the idea of remaining under your trial.

There are two responses to a difficult situation: you can _____ in it and endure or try to _____ of it.

Endurance has the idea of someone under a _____ and choosing to remain there instead of escaping. Endurance is a _____, submissive spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:10, *“as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.”*

Often, we hold our desires and plans too _____. **Proverbs 16:9**, *“A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.”*



Thirty-five years ago, there we are in Edinburgh, Scotland, at the very beginning of our missionary adventure. I was 12 years old. You and dad had not been prepping for ministry all your life, had not grown up in a ministry family, or enjoyed many of the other benefits that I have had in my life. But there you are, ready to serve, ready to spend your lives, ready to live in a foreign country. I see the strength in your eyes, the contentment in your countenance. The youth has long-faded from this picture in everyone's case--although you were still being asked if you were my sister, well into your adult life. It's that youthful, "can do" determination, that confidence in your mission and your God, that devotion to the unreached in a new and different place. I had a front-row seat to all of it, and it changed my life, shaped my life, gave direction to my life. I saw the good, bad, and the ugly through it all and it taught me what many of my peers are still learning: perseverance. It's maybe the most valuable lesson you ever taught me, though I can't recall your sitting me down to teach it. I learned it through your life, through your love. And I'm the eternally better for it. Happy Mother's Day, Mom! Your children will always rise up to call you blessed.

Ecclesiastes 12:1, *“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.”*

There are two different words in English for *patience* in the Bible. One is forbearance, and the other is endurance. The first one is talking about _____ with people, which we must learn to develop in our lives. How can we help point people to Christ if we don't have patience with them? But in a _____, it's talking about the second word, *endurance*.

Philippians 2:14, *“Do all things without murmurings and disputings.”*

1 Thess. 5:18, *“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”*

Galatians 5:22-23, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”*

Witnessing.

Hebrews 4:12, *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

2 Timothy 3:16, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”*

Psalms 119:105, *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”* **Verse 11**, *“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”* **Verse 16**, *“I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.”*

God’s Word changes your life as you _____, _____, memorize, and invest
_____ in it.

REFLECTION: