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### ENDURE TO THE END (HARD-HEADED FOR THE TRUTH!)

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**TEXT: Mark 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but **he that shall endure unto the end**, the same shall be saved.

1 Peter 1:25 The word of the Lord endureth for ever...

**Hebrews 12:7** If ye **endure chastening**, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

**James 1:12** Blessed is the man that **endureth temptation**: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

**Hebrews 10:32** But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, **ye endured** a great fight of afflictions;

33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

Mark 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Matthew 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Mark 4:17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

**1 Peter 1:13** Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end** for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

Proverbs 24:21...meddle not with them that are given to change:

**Ezekiel 3:4** And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.

7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.

8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy **forehead strong** against their foreheads.

**Isaiah 50:7** For the Lord GOD will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

**Micah 3:8** But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

**Ezekiel 3:9** As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

**Ezekiel 13:17** Likewise, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart;

22...[ye] strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:

**Jeremiah 44:17** But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth...

Jeremiah 44:19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?

**2 Timothy 1:15** This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

3 Thou therefore **endure hardness**, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

10 Therefore **I endure all things** for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

2 Timothy 3:1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; **what persecutions I endured**: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when **they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions...

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica...

14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to

his works.

**Jeremiah 6:10** To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

### 27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way.

28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders...

7:27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

29 Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on high places; for the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

8:19...Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with strange vanities?

9:4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will walk with slanders.8...one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait.

11:9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words...

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

**Hebrews 3:12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But **exhort one another daily**, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

"The days are darkening around us - the evil days of which the Scripture gives us warning. Faith seems to be dying out in many hearts. Against this sad state of soul the remedy taught us by the Holy Ghost, is constant exhortation." (Govett, 1872)

#### Mail (2-25-24):

How touchy-feely parenting and therapy have created the loneliest, most helpless, depressed, and fearful young people ever.

When we were little, my brother and I were occasionally smacked by our parents. Our feelings weren't considered over important decisions: where we would go to school, how often we visited our grandparents, what sort of clothes we'd wear...

But as millions of women and men my age – I'm now in my mid-40s – entered adulthood, we signed up for therapy....We vowed that our child-rearing would be different. We would cherish our relationship with our children and tear down the barrier of authority that past generations had erected between parent and child.

More than anything, we wanted to raise 'happy' kids. We looked to *the experts* for help and devoured their bestselling parenting books. We never, ever smacked. An ideal childhood meant no pain, no discomfort, no fights, no failure – and absolutely no hint of 'trauma'.

In a panic, we rushed them to mental health professionals for testing, diagnosis, counselling and medication.

We needed our children and everyone around them to know: they weren't shy, they had 'social anxiety disorder'. They weren't poorly behaved, they had 'oppositional defiant disorder'. They weren't disruptive students, they had 'ADHD'...

Schools jumped on the bandwagon. Mental health staff expanded. The new regime would diagnose and accommodate, not punish or reward.

Millions of us bought in to this dogma, believing it would cultivate the happiest, most well-adjusted children. **But instead, with unprecedented help from mental health experts, we have raised the loneliest, most anxious, depressed, pessimistic, helpless and fearful generation on record.** 

...Bosses and teachers confirm this analysis, reporting that members of Gen Z appear utterly underprepared to accomplish basic adult tasks – including showing up for work.

# We may already be seeing the fruits: a generation of kids who can never ignore any pain, no matter how trivial.

And yet we beg doctors to give our children anti-anxiety medications...

Clinical psychologist Joshua Coleman has devoted his entire practice to a growing phenomenon known as 'family estrangement': adult children cutting off their parents, refusing to speak to them, even barring them from seeing their grandchildren.

When parents confront the adult children who've done this, Coleman tells me, the typical explanation they give is: 'Well, my therapist said you emotionally abused me.'

...Generation Z has received more therapy than any other. In the US, nearly 40 per cent have received treatment from a mental health professional, compared with 26 per cent of Gen Xers – those born between 1965 and 1980...Forty-two per cent of Gen Z currently has a mental health diagnosis, rendering 'normal' increasingly abnormal. One in six American children aged two to eight years old has a diagnosed mental, behavioural or developmental disorder. Nearly ten per cent of children now have a diagnosed anxiety disorder.

**One of the worst consequences of our hyper-focus on present feelings** and the professionalisation of our child-rearing is that we devalue everything grandparents have to offer. We saw them as backward, racist and crude. We corrected their interactions with our children or barred them entirely..."

#### Paul Harvey, 1965:

[If I were the Devil...]:

"I'd subvert the churches first - I'd begin with a campaign of whispers...

I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. **I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.** 

# If I were the devil I'd soon have families that war with themselves, churches at war with themselves...

...If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions - just let those run wild...I'd have judges promoting pornography...

And in His own churches **I would substitute psychology for religion**, and deify science...I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned...that what you see on the TV is the way to be...And thus, I could **undress you in public**, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure..."

**Colossians 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Study Finds: https://theconversation.com/ [Feb. 22, 2024]:

*Is Everyone Angry? Toxic 'Outrage Culture' Consuming Society Like Never Before* 

Usually, this ire is directed at perceived transgressions...

[The] behavior [we witness] on an issue can stir up our own emotions, in what's called "emotional contagion"...we may feel compelled to join the choir...[of negativity]...

**Proverbs 30:11** There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords...

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things

that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:

"It grieves me, to see, that many so loosely hold their membership in the body of Christ, that **any trifling misunderstanding with a brother, or any real or supposed objection against one ministers, is considered ground enough to throw up their place among us.** Is not this proof that love is waxing cold?...In such a state of things, **the veriest trifles are enough** to cause dissatisfaction, or even (which is worse), to raise up parties..." (Govett, May 23, 1850)

"Are there not some who, through misunderstandings and strifes, stand apart, one from another?...the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these...hatred, variance, wrath, strifes, seditions, heresies...[of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.]" (Govett, April 1859)

**Isaiah 28:9** Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.