Hebrews

10:32-39

Is recalling your endurance through previous difficulties good for you to do as well?

Successful perseverance through painful trials, tribulations, difficulties, and persecutions should become a wonderful reminder that you can endure whatever you are facing now.

Romans 5:3-5

Have you ever been strengthened by the example of how someone else has faced great difficulties and yet they persevered in their faith?

Deuteronomy 32:7

"Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you."

Older Christians who have been through difficulties are a vital asset to the next generations

Acts 8:1-4

What would you do if this happened today?

Matthew 25:31-46

Hebrews 3:13

"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body."

John 15:18-20

Acts 5:40-42

Being a Christian, do you expect the world to like you more or less?

What was their response? They joyfully accepted it.

Due to weak theology, wrong theology, or being Biblically illiterate, many would feel that God had let them down by not keeping them healthy, wealthy, and prosperous

Their hope was not in this temporary world but in their eternal home.

Luke 6:22-23

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets."

When facing difficulties, a Christian should look to past successes and forward to the sure promise of God to help find the strength to persevere.

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Sermon: Hebrews 10:32-39

1. Life is full of unexpected trials, tribulations, and difficulties. Some Christians are greatly shocked and find themselves ill-equipped to face such difficult times. Looking over Hebrews 10:19-39, what are some things that you can do during such difficult times to be strengthened?

2. How might the health, wealth, and prosperity gospel of many modern churches leave its adherents vulnerable and ill-equipped to face difficult times?

3. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19. How can this verse help a Christian to be better equipped for difficult times?

4. How could a Christians lack of Bible knowledge and sound theology make going through difficult times even more difficult?

5.	How could looking to God's faithfulness in bringing you through difficult times in the past, be of help to you during difficulties that you may be facing presently?

6. Do you find that you have underutilized this tool of looking back to times of suffering and perseverance in your personal life to draw strength from? Would a couple of people like to share a bit about a past difficulty that they persevered through as a Christian that has helped to strengthen them that could perhaps help others?

7. As the Apostles experienced, proclaiming the gospel can certainly bring out the hatred of the world. However, 1 Peter 4:3-5 gives us another reason that we might receive hatred. Have you experienced this before? How would you comfort a new Christian facing such difficulty?