

Standing Faithfully

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[0:00] I greet you in the name of Jesus this morning. It is good to be here. Power in the blood of Jesus.

You know, in Revelation 12, 11 says, And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.

We overcome the enemy by the blood of Jesus. That is our victory.

That is what has paid for our victory. That is what has paid the penalty that we can now belong to God.

We overcome him by the blood of the Lamb. We overcome him by the word of our testimony of what the blood of Jesus has done in us.

[1:38] When we are bought by the blood and we're cleansed by the blood, we're a new creation in Christ Jesus, we need to testify and say what God has done.

We need to confess with our mouth to testify. Why? Why? Because that does something in our heart.

Yes. They overcame him. And they loved not their lives unto the death. It is the same for us, not only those people of old, but for us.

That if we will overcome, we will overcome by the blood of Jesus. We will overcome by the word of our testimony of what the blood has done in our life.

And we will only overcome if we do not love our life unto the death. Now, let's turn to 1 John chapter 3.

[2:47] This will somewhat be going on from last Sunday. Last Sunday, we looked at trials and trusting God in the midst of trial and temptation.

And Peter says, we are kept by the power of God through faith. And we looked at the trial of our faith, which is much more precious than of gold that perishes.

In 1 John chapter 3, We should not be called the sons of God.

Therefore, the world knoweth us not because it knew him not. You know, we shouldn't think it's strange when, you know, we live the Christian life and we make decisions according to how the spirit directs us.

And people that we meet, our neighbors, if you will, they look at us strangely.

[4:12] What's going on? Why is this guy doing what he's doing? Why does he take off every Sunday and go to church? Why doesn't he look at all the work he could do on a Sunday?

They didn't know Christ. They didn't know his way. And they will not know us. They will not know why we walk the way we do.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God. And it does not yet appear what we shall be. But we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is someday.

You know, we sang that song, I'll fly away. And someday, someday he will take us home to be with him. And this is our hope.

This is the living hope of all Christians is that we have a home prepared for us in heaven. Hallelujah. We are, but we are now the sons of God.

[5:22] It's not that we will be the sons of God, but we are now the sons of God. Amen. And every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself, even as he is pure.

Now notice, now we're getting into a challenge here, I believe. And he says that if we have this hope, if we have this hope of eternal life, then we will purify ourselves.

We will purify ourselves. And we'll be looking at some of that as we continue on. But he doesn't even stop with saying that we will purify ourselves.

But he also says he gives us a goal. He gives us, he gives us a model. He says, even as he is pure, even as Jesus is pure.

That is a very high goal, is it not? Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the law.

[6:38] For sin is the transgression of the law. Ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins, and in him is no sin.

Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth has not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you.

He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil. For the devil sinneth from the beginning.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Whosoever is born of God doeth not commit sin.

For his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil.

[7:40] Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. You know, and I was, I thought I might read this in the Amplified, but I forgot to bring that with me.

But the Amplified brings this out so clearly, that, you know, anyone that willfully walks in sin, anybody that willfully violates what the Spirit of God is saying, he is not a child of God.

He is not a child of God, but if we are born again, if we have that new life, we have the power to overcome. We have the power to overcome.

We can live a victorious life. It is as we abide in him, and as we walk with him, we can live an overcoming life.

It says, if we have this hope, if we have the hope of eternal life in us, we will purify ourselves, even as he is pure.

[8:56] In Galatians 5, 24, it says, they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

If we belong to Christ, the Apostle Paul said, then we have crucified the old man. We have crucified him.

We have crucified the flesh. We have crucified the affections. You know, James says that, that every man is tempted when he's drawn away of his own lusts and enticed.

And then when we, when lust is conceived, it bringeth forth sin and sin. When it is finished, it brings death. So when we yield to those desires of the flesh is when we get into trouble.

That is when we, we drift into sin. How do we overcome? We overcome by the blood of the lamb.

You know, he has not promised an easy way.

[10:00] No, but he will carry us through. And we'll look at, we want to look at some of those things. But I will go to 2 Corinthians and then we'll go to 1 Corinthians.

And 2 Corinthians 10, 3. 1 Corinthians 10, 4. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but they're mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exolleth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

You know, last Sunday, I believe we talked about knowledge, you know, and knowing God and learning to know him and reading this word and knowing this word and all of that.

Here he tells us, one of the, one of the first things that we must do if we will walk in victory, he says, is to cast down imaginations, to cast down every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God.

[11:30] You know, whatever, whatever in your heart, in your mind that brings doubt, whatever in your mind argues against this word, whatever thoughts that come into your mind that want to doubt the word of God, you must take them captive and bring them, bring them to the obedience of Christ.

Christ, that, I believe, is a recipe for victory. Now, we'll turn to 1 Corinthians 10.

Here we have the children of Israel in the beginning, the first part of the chapter. We're the children of Israel. We're the children of Israel. And he tells us about them and how they were all, how they were miraculously delivered from Egypt and they were led out of Egypt.

They were, they passed through the sea. They were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They did all eat the same spiritual meat. They did all drink the same spiritual drink.

Verse 4, for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them. And that rock was Christ. But with many of them, God was not well pleased.

[12:57] You know, he delivered them in a miraculous way. I believe we mentioned this last Sunday, but God delivered them miraculously out of Egypt.

There was no way they could have ever escaped Egypt without the power of God. And there's no way that you and I can escape the powers of this world, of the kingdom of darkness, without the supernatural power, the blood of Jesus.

But here they were, the children of Israel, they were delivered out of Egypt. And they were eating manna and they were, God was providing water for them.

But they fell into sin. Says, he warns us here. These things were our examples.

In verse 6. To the intent we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters as were some of them.

[14:04] As it is written, the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed. And fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

Neither let us tempt Christ as some of them also tempted. And were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye as some of them also murmured and were destroyed of the destroyer.

All these things happened unto them for examples. And they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the world are come.

You know, all of those things are written for our examples. That we would take a lesson from them. You know. So let us not complain like they did.

You know, God led them through the desert. And yes, sometimes it was a hard way. It was a hard path and rocky and mountainous.

[15:07] But God was with them. But yet they murmured and they complained and they tempted God. And you know, how did they tempt God? Was it not when they asked, well, can God provide for us a table in the wilderness?

You know, after all the miracles that God had done. They questioned whether God could provide for them. Are we any different today?

Let me ask you that. Are we any different? What does it take for you to doubt God? What does it, what comes into your life?

What circumstance comes that you doubt God? Or you question if he is able to care for you and to see you through.

Verse 12. Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. You know, in this, now he's talking to us.

[16:11] You know, he was talking to us. Yes, but he was talking about what happened back then. But now he is bringing it to our level. He was bringing it to us today.

Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. You know, we will only stand in the power of Christ. We will only stand in the power of the Holy Ghost.

By the blood of Jesus. That is the only way we will overcome. That is the only way we will stand through the hard times of life.

That is the only way we will make it through. Through these times of deception. Through these end times that we live in. It is only by the power of the blood of Jesus.

Verse 13.

[17:12] There hath no temptation taken you. But such as is common to man. But God is faithful. Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able.

But will with the temptation also make a way to escape. That ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

You know, and we look at this and we flee from idolatry. Well, we don't have tendencies to bow down to idols, do we? Or do we?

Well, we'll look at this a little bit more here. There has no temptation taken you. But the same temptation. You know, all these things.

This world we live in. We're all in this together. And, you know, maybe, yes, we have different temptations. But there's nothing abnormal.

[18:13] There's nothing unusual. And God will not allow any trials to come our way. But he will give us the strength to withstand.

And to walk faithfully through them. In every temptation, he will always make a way of escape. A way that we can be able.

You know, his grace. His grace is always there to carry us through. No matter what trial, whatever testing we find ourselves in.

The grace of God will be there. You know, the Apostle Paul. You know, he asked God to take away that thorn in the flesh. He asked God three times that he would take it away.

And God's answer was, my grace is sufficient for thee. God told him he will give him the grace to bear whatever this thorn was.

[19:19] He will carry him through. And then the Apostle said, what did he say? He said, so I will glory in infirmities. I will glory in the things that go wrong.

I will glory in the trials and in the hardships that I'm facing. Why? Because when I'm in those.

Is when his grace becomes evident in my life. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Verse 12.

Yes, it said, take heed lest, you know, when we think we stand. Is our confidence in the blood of Christ?

Or is our confidence in our own strength? You know, if we have confidence that I have now grown spiritually, I'm now a spiritual giant and I can be victorious.

[20:25] That's about the time we'll fall. Yes. But when we stand in humility and know that our victory is only by the blood of Jesus.

We can stand. We can stand. And there's always a way for us through every trial, through every temptation, through everything, whatever comes our way.

I want to backtrack a little bit. The end of chapter nine here. Verse 24.

He talks about running the race. And he says, so run that you may obtain and every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things.

You know, you know, we. We just we just saw the I didn't really watch him, but I heard about the Olympics.

[21:33] And, you know, if you're going to those those athletes that that participate in the Olympics, they they live a very disciplined life.

Why? Because they have a goal. They have a goal. They have a goal and they train day and night and they train for a long time for years even.

To to reach that point that they can win the race. Are we living a disciplined life?

Are we temperate in all things? Do we have a goal? Do we have that eternal hope in us?

Like we read in first John, every man that has this hope in him will purify himself. Is that us?

[22:34] Is that us? Yes. They do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible crown. I, therefore, so run, not as uncertainly.

So fight I, not as one that beateth the air. Now, verse 27. But I keep under my body. And bring it into subjection.

Lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. You know, isn't this, isn't this one of the keys to the Christian life?

Is we must keep under this body. This old man that wants to rise up. We must keep it under. We must keep it under. The amplified. What does it say?

Let me find it here. It says, or maybe it was in a different version. I think it might have been. It says to keep under. It says to make it my slave.

[23:38] To make this body my slave. I tell it what it's going to do. I tell it. I do not allow it to go after the things of the flesh.

I do not allow it to go after those things of the world. But I make it my slave. That it will walk in the will of God and fulfill his will.

And that it will bring honor and glory to God. In Romans 8, 13, it says to to that through the spirit, we mortify the deeds of the body.

It is only by the power of the spirit of God that we can do this. That we can live this life. And that we can live a life pleasing to God.

Now let's turn to Titus chapter 2. Titus chapter 2.

[24:45] And this whole chapter is very good. But we won't read most of it here.

But he admonishes Titus to speak the things that are sound doctrine. And he gives direction.

And then let's cut in here in verse 10. That they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.

And I know he was talking about servants here. But I believe this verse is for all people. This verse is for all people who confess and profess to be Christians.

He admonishes us to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. In all of life.

[25:49] That we lift up the doctrine of our God. And we adorn it. We make it look appealing to those who see us who are watching our life.

Verse 11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

Yes, it is by grace that we are saved. And it is the same grace that continues to work in our life. And to give us power over all the power of the enemy.

But this grace of God that appears to us. It comes to us. What does it say next here? Teaching us. This grace of God teaches us. That denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. We should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present world.

[26:54] You know, let me ask you. Is the grace of God teaching you? Can the grace of God teach you? You know, if your heart is to serve God.

If you have that new heart. That new life. And you must keep under the old. And the grace of God. It will teach you. It will teach you. And what does it teach us? It teaches us to deny ungodliness. And worldly lusts.

It teaches us to say no to those temptations when they come. To say no to that old man when he desires to run after things of the world.

To say no and to crucify him again. To keep him on that cross. Why? That the life of Christ can be manifest through us.

[28:01] Deny the old man his desires. And what does he desire? He desires ungodliness.

He desires those worldly lusts. He desires those things. Those things we used to live in. Those old. Those things that used to be our life.

That's what the old man desires. But we must keep him under. The grace of God will teach us. To deny those things.

And as we deny those things. And as we deny those things. It will adorn the doctrine of Christ. He teaches us to deny those things.

And then he teaches us. That we should live soberly. And righteously. And godly. In this present world. Oh we say.

[29:07] But there's never been a day that's been this hard. Oh but the grace of God is sufficient. The grace of God will give us strength. To stand steadfast.

In the midst of a wicked and perverse generation. To live godly. To live soberly. Righteously. And godly. In this evil world. Yes. Looking for that blessed hope. And the glorious appearing of the great God.

And our savior Jesus Christ. There it is again. That blessed hope. The hope we have. Of eternal life. And like John said. John said.

Every man that hath this hope in him. The hope of eternal life. We will purify ourselves. Yes. Even as he is pure.

[30:08] Okay. Verse. End of 13. The glorious appearing of the great God. And our savior Jesus Christ. Who gave himself for us.

That he might redeem us. From all iniquity. And purify unto himself a peculiar people. Zealous of good works.

That is his goal. That is why he came. Was that he would have a people. You know. Humanity was hopelessly lost.

And under the dominion of the enemy. But Jesus came. To buy us back. He gave himself for us. To redeem us. From the hand of the enemy. To redeem us from all iniquity. And to purify unto himself.

[31:07] A peculiar people. Zealous. Of good works. Hallelujah. Yes. Jesus died to redeem us.

He died to save us. Not because of our works. But that we might.

Do good works. We'll continue on here. In chapter three. Let's read verse 15.

These things speak and exhort. And rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. Put them in mind. To be subject to principalities and powers.

To obey magistrates. To be ready to every good work. You know. This is part of being a good testimony. To the world around about us.

[32:09] To speak evil of no man. To be no brawlers. But gentle. Showing all meekness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish.

Disobedient. Deceived. Serving divers lusts and pleasures. Living in malice and envy. Hateful and hating one another. You know. That is what we used to be.

But now. After that. The kindness and love of God. Our savior toward man appeared. Not by works of righteousness. Which we have done.

But according to his mercy. He saved us. By the washing of regeneration. And renewing of the Holy Ghost. The washing of regeneration.

It talks about the new birth. And regenerating us into a new life. The old is passed away. And we're born again. A new creation.

[33:06] In Christ Jesus. That's what he's talking about. And it's not. That we. Have earned this. No. But he has paid the price.

By his blood. That we. Can have. A new life. A new life. The washing of regeneration.

That is. The new birth. Being born again. By the blood of Jesus. He has saved us. Not because. Of our works.

But because. Of the blood of Jesus. We can be saved. Now we are justified. By his grace. And then.

In verse eight. He says. This is a faithful saying. These things. I will. Affirm. Constantly. That they. Which have believed.

[34:14] In God. Might be careful. To maintain. Good works. These things. Are good. And profitable. Unto men. You know. He admonishes us.

And there's other places. Also. That talk about. Good works. And here. To be careful. To maintain. Good works. And these good works. Are a result.

Of the new life. Within us. You are never saved. Because of your good works. But if you are saved. These good works. Will be a part.

Of your life. In Titus. Three. And verse eight. He's. He's. No. I got the wrong verse here. There is one.

There it is. In chapter one. In verse 16. The verse I want it. They profess. That they know God. But in works. They deny him. You know. We all know.

[35:11] We all know. We all know. We all know. People like this. We all know people that. Profess to know God. And they will say that they know God.

They will say they're a new creation in Christ. But their works deny. The Lordship of Christ. Which are we. Do our works testify.

That we are born again. And that we are walking in the spirit of Christ. And that we are walking in the spirit of Christ. We all know people that profess to know God. And they will say that they know God.

They will say that they know God. They will say they're a new creation in Christ. But their works deny the lordship of Christ. Which are we? Being in the spirit of God.

Or do our works deny. That we know God. Which is it? By your works you will be known. Yes. We will be known.

[36:09] We will be known. In Ephesians.

I'm going to get a few verses in Ephesians. What Christ is after. In Ephesians chapter 5. He says here. Christ gave himself for the church. Verse 24 says. Therefore as the church. Is subject unto Christ. So let wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands love your wives. Even as Christ loved the church. And gave himself for it. Husbands are you giving yourself. Are you giving yourself. Like Christ gave himself. Why did Christ give himself.

[37:09] That he might sanctify and cleanse it. With the washing of water. By the word. By this word. Are we allowing this word.

To cleanse us. And to sanctify us. To set us apart. To make us holy. To purify us. You know. If we have this hope. Of eternal life in us. Then we will allow this word. To purify us. And sanctify us. And set us free. That Christ. Can have what he paid for. What is his desire. What is his will. Verse 27. That he might present it to himself.

A glorious church. Not having spot or wrinkle. Or any such thing. But it should be holy. And without blemish.

[38:05] The glorious church. That our Lord Jesus. Desires. This is what he will have. Will we be a part of it. You know.

The question is not. Whether Jesus will have it. But the question is. Whether we will be a part of it. Will we allow him.

To sanctify us. And to cleanse us. To set us free. And to cut that line. To cut off the old. And to keep that old. Crucified. Will we allow him. To cleanse us. And to set us free. Removing every spot. And every wrinkle. Or any such thing. Every spot of the flesh. Every. Every wrinkle. Every. Every disagreement. That we have. With the.

[39:04] With the spirit of God. With the word of God. Are we allowing him. To remove it. How is it. How is it. How is it.

Are our works. Showing. What are our works. Showing. When people watch. Your life. The things you do. The places you go. The way you do business. Is it. With it. With honesty. And integrity. Or is it. Trying to get by. With the least. How is your life. What does it show. To those. Round about us. First Corinthians six.

What does it say. It says. We are not. Our own. In verse 19. Know ye not.

[40:12] Know ye not. That your body. Is the temple. Of the Holy Ghost. Which is in you. Which ye have. Of God. And ye are not. Your own. For ye are bought. With a price.

Therefore glorify God. In your body. And in your spirit. Which are God's. Our body. And our spirit. They belong to God. Yes they do. You know. There's. There's people. That will say. That. Well. We're. Our spirit is saved. And. And the body. It lives in Romans seven.

No it doesn't. We bring under this body. We keep it under. We keep it on the cross of Christ. And we subdue it.

Like the apostle said. We make it our slave. This body. We make it our slave. To do the work of God. This.

[41:07] This old man. This body. It. It doesn't like. To do the work of God. But we subdue it. And we bring it under. And we.

Do the work of God. Because we are born again. And we keep that old man under. We keep him on the cross. Yes. Yes.

We overcome. By the blood of the lamb. And by the word of our testimony. And we do not love. Our life. And to the death. We are not our own.

Now verse 20. For ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God. In your body. And in your spirit. Which are God's. Our gods.

We belong to him. We belong to him. We belong to him. Because he bought us. He saved us. By his blood. We belong to him.

[42:06] Let us. Live our life for him. And bring honor and glory. To his name. Jesus said. In Matthew.

He said. If any man. Will come after me. Let him deny himself. And take up his cross. And follow me. Daily.

Take up our cross. Keep that old man. On the cross. Every day. Not just on Sunday. But every day of the week. That old man. That old man.

Must be kept on the cross. On the cross.

How is it? Are we. Keeping under. That old man. Are we keeping him.

[43:05] In subjection. Are we keeping him. Like the apostle Paul said. I keep under my body. And bring it into. Subjection.

You know. And. That's in. First Corinthians nine. And in. Ten. We read those verses. That verse where he says. Wherefore my dearly beloved.

Flee from. Idolatry. You know. And that verse follows. The verse that says. That. That he has made. That he has made.

A way of escape. That we may be able to bear. The trials. The temptations. That we're in. But. You know. Isn't it.

Isn't it. Isn't it. Human tendency. To make excuses. For sin. Instead of. Keeping it under. We make excuses.

[44:02] For our pet sin. We make excuses. For our failures. For our shortcomings. You know. He has given us.

To overcome. He has given us. A way. To overcome. And. I don't remember.

Remember. But the other day. This came to me. He warns us here.

To flee. From idolatry. When we. Make excuses. For that. For. For what the old man desires.

It becomes an idol. It is an idol. We're allowing. An idol. In our hearts. Anything.

[45:04] That hinders. The spirit of God. In your heart. Is an idol. It must be torn down. It must be thrown out.

It must be conquered. By the blood. Of Jesus. It must be. Put on the cross. Flee.

Idolatry. Anything. That keeps us. From fulfilling. The will of God. Is an idol. Why? Because.

It is. It. We are. Holding it. Of. God. We are. A higher. Place. Than what. Is saying.

That is. Why? And anything. That. Usurps. The place. Of the spirit. Of God. Is an idol.

[46:03] It is an idol. In Hebrews. Chapter 12. I look at this. A little bit. Yet. In closing.

In closing. Today. You know. In. In Hebrews. And we. We talked about. A little bit. Of Hebrews. 11.

Last week. But how. Those. Saints. Endured. And how. They. Firm. Even.

Even. To the point. Of giving. Life. In the Hebrew. Those three. Hebrew. Men. How. They. They said.

But. But. If not. We will still. Not. Bow. You know. Is that our. Heart. That we will not. Bow.

[46:58] To the demands. Of the flesh. To the demands. Of the devil. We will not. Bow. But we will stand. Firm. And faithful. Now. In Hebrews.

Verse. Seeing. We also. Are compassed. About. With so great. A cloud. Of witnesses. Let us.

Asside. Every weight.

And the sin. Which do us. So easily. Beset us. And let us. With patience. A race. That is set. Before us. We have.

This race. We have. The Christian. Like. Into our race. A race. That is set. Before us. You know. A race. You lay.

Every weight. You take. Your coat off. And you lay it aside. And you make sure. You have good shoes on. That. That are going to work. For this race. Not loose.

[47:53] And floppy shoes. But shoes. That. That fit. And tight. And that will stay on. When you run. That they will. They will. They will carry you.

To the goal. And so. In the Christian. Life. We lay aside. Every weight. We lay aside. The sin. But not just the sin.

But we lay aside. Everything. That hinders us. Everything. That holds us back. Everything. That. That stands. In the way. Of fulfilling. The will of God.

We lay it aside. We lay it aside. We lay it aside. And we run. With patience. The race. That is set. Before us. You know.

How often. How often. How often. Do we miss it. Right there. We. We run. This race. But we don't. With patience.

[48:49] You know. That word. It talks. Of endurance. It talks. Of. A battle. Of. Of. You know. When it.

When it. When it's hard. When it. When the enemy. Comes after you. And. And. He. He. Almost. Got.

You know. But yet. You continue. On. Faithfully. Yes. Run. With patience. The race. That is set. Before us.

Looking. Unto. Jesus. The author. That was set. Before him. The cross. The cross. The shame. And is set. Down.

Hand. Of God. For consider. Him. That endured. Such contradiction. Of sinners. Against. Himself. Lest. We're.

[49:45] And faint. In your minds. You have not. Resisted. And the blood. Striving. Against. Sin. Consider. Him.

Consider. Jesus. Consider. Jesus. You know. At. At.

He. Such. Contradiction. Sinners. You know. Endured. Much. Mocked. They. You're.

Of. That. Cross. He. Others. Himself. He. Cannot. Save. Jesus.

He. Endured. All. Why. Because. He. He. He. He. He. Endured.

[50:40] It. You know. Of. Has. Endured. of what Jesus went through, how can we be discouraged?

How can we have self-pity? How can we, oh, it's so hard. You know, let us not give in, but let us continue on.

Let us not murmur as they murmur. Let us not turn back, but let us endure. Let us continue on.

Let us be faithful unto the end. Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

Jesus, he is our perfect example. He is our model. He's the pattern. He's the pattern. Every man that hath this hope in him purifies himself even as he is pure.

[51:57] Jesus is the pattern. 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.

You know, if we have this hope in us, that someday, someday we will see him as he is.

Someday we will be there with him. Someday. Oh, glory to God. Oh, glory to God. Someday. Do we have that hope in us? Is that our hope?

Is that hope more than the hope of this life? Is that hope in heaven more than the things of this life?

The things that we pursue here? The job we have and the things that we do and the things we pursue and all the good times that we have.

Is that hope more? Is that hope more? How will we overcome? It is by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony.

[53:20] Testifying of what the blood of Jesus has done in my heart, in my life. And not loving this life unto the death.

We can live a victorious life. But only, only as we submit to our God and to what he is doing in us.

Amen. Let us. Let us be faithful. Let us continue on until death. Nothing wavering.

Nothing wavering. But standing. Standing firm. Standing faithful. Bringing honor and glory to the Lamb.

Amen. May the Lord bless.