

“JOYFUL TRIALS”

HEBREWS 10: SERMON 5

November 25, 2018

HEBREWS 10:32-34

- 32** Think back on those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.
- 33** Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things.
- 34** You suffered along with those who were thrown into jail, and when all you owned was taken from you, you accepted it with joy. You knew there were better things waiting for you that will last forever.

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I. THEY GIVE EVERYTHING TO GOD

LUKE 18:28-30 (NKJV)

- 28** Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You."
- 29** So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God,
- 30** who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."

II. THEY GUARD THEIR THOUGHTS

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 (NLT)

8 And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

III. THEY ARE GRATEFUL AND REJOICE IN EVERY SITUATION

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 (NLT)

18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4 (NKJV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

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C. REJOICE IN THE LOVE OF GOD.

HEBREWS 11:33-40 (NLT)

- 33** By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions,
- 34** quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.
- 35** Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.

HEBREWS 11:33-40 (NLT)

³⁶ Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons.

³⁷ Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated.

³⁸ They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.

HEBREWS 11:33-40 (NLT)

- 39** All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.
- 40** For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

ROMANS 8:35-39 (NLT)

- 35** Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?
- 36** (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.")
- 37** No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

ROMANS 8:35-39 (NLT)

- 38** And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.
- 39** No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

D. REJOICE IN THEIR FUTURE REWARD (VS.33)

E. REJOICE IN THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST