

Experiencing a spiritual uptick in an economic downturn

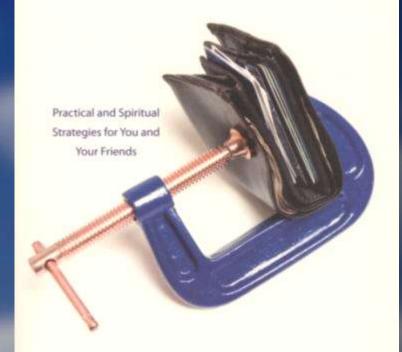
WELCOME!
TODAY'S MESSAGE:

CHOOSING ENDURANCE





SURVIVE THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN



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Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10



One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off."

Job 1:13-15

They put the servants to the sword and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

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While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you."

Job 1:16

While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

Job 1:17



Training Tips TT #1: Press into worship

At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship and said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." Job 1:20-21

... yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:18

Training Tips TT #2: Resist the enemy's accusations





Training Tips TT #3: Get some good spotters (training partners) around you



...encourage one another daily...

so that none of you may be hardened
by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13

Training Tips TT #4: Practice "gut-level" praying

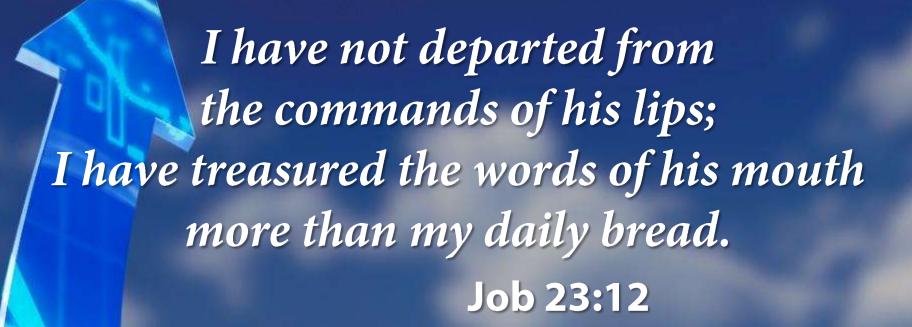
Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank him for his answers.

Philippians 4:6

...before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down.

Philippians 4:7





For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4



Training Tips TT #6: Confess God's Word

But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

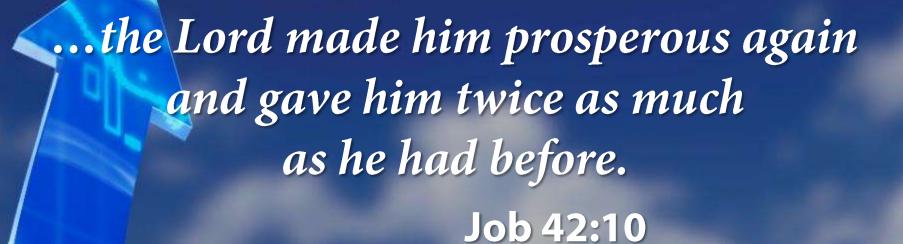
Job 23:10

...strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you can have great endurance and patience...

Colossians 1:11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

1 Peter 5:10



The Lord blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the first. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. Job 42:12

As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:11

