

Questions

1. What are some unbiblical ideas we can have about endurance? For instance, who or what we might wrongly credit as sources of it, or how we might think about people in the Bible who do “brave” deeds. What do we learn from Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 about man’s natural bent?
2. Besides those examples mentioned in the sermon, what’s another example of Jesus’ endurance/boldness? What was more important to Jesus than concern for His own life?
3. Read Luke 9:57-62. What did Jesus teach about the cost of discipleship? Which of these three examples do you find to be the most difficult? Why?
4. Read Luke 14:23-27. How would you explain Jesus’ use of love and hate in this passage? In what way(s) do you struggle with this teaching about prioritizing loyalty to Christ above ALL else?
5. What two things explain the transformation from Peter denying Jesus to Peter boldly preaching Jesus? How do these things apply to you and what difference do they make in your everyday boldness?
6. Read Philippians 1:27-30. How can you pray this week to learn to better apply this teaching? Ask a brother or sister to pray for you.
7. The men and women identified in Hebrews 11:32-40 had a wide range of experiences in their walks with God. What tied them altogether? How has God grown your faith through some past experience of abiding in Christ, even when it came with a cost?

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ENGAGE THE WORLD

— Like Jesus —

Engaging with Endurance **Various Scriptures**

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In Jesus, we see remarkable endurance/perseverance/boldness. But it’s also an example of the cost of following Jesus. We will consider how God enables us to stand firm even when we face rejection and hostility.

1. Christ’s Endurance – Our pattern (Luke 9:51; 20:15-19; 22:42)

2. The Cost of Endurance – Discipleship (Luke 9:23-25, 57-62; 14:23-27) In each instance, disciples are called to walk a difficult path that Jesus has walked.

When we are faced with a choice between Jesus and the people to whom we are most closely related, Jesus must always be our priority. Jesus is to be loved more than all others. Our loyalty to Him must surpass that of loyalty to anyone else.

4. The Character of Endurance – “By Faith” (Hebrews 11)

Whether our following of Christ leads through joyous victories or deep suffering, we can boldly proclaim Him because our ultimate hope is in the death and resurrection of our Savior.

3. The Catalyst of Endurance – The Holy Spirit

See the example of Peter denying Jesus (Luke 22:54-62) and boldly preaching seven weeks later (Acts 2:14, 22-23, 36). He saw the risen Jesus, and he received the promised Holy Spirit.