



Session Two: How to Persevere in Tough Times

INTRODUCTION

We avoid things we don't like. But sometimes things come our way that we can't avoid. When our circumstances deteriorate, what do we do when there's nothing we can do?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it sometimes so hard to finish something well?
2. Has your faith or confidence in God ever been tested? Did you pass? Did you emerge with your faith intact? If so, why? If not, why?
3. People don't generally lose faith because of their own suffering. People are more inclined to lose faith because of the suffering of others. Why do you suppose that's the case?
4. **Read James 1:2.** What stands out to you?
5. In addition to your faith being exercised and strengthened, what other positive outcome might result from your current trial(s)?

Changing Your Mind

Regi Campbell's "Finishing Well" goals, while walking through his final season of this life:

- I will walk with Jesus every day.
- I will be grateful and live every day to the fullest.
- I will bless my family with words, pictures, and videos.
- I will invest in my guys for their good and God's glory, not mine. • I will not give up and run out the clock.
- I will let people love on me.

Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

—James 1:4