

- “Perseverance” = “hupomone_” = “a remaining behind, a patient enduring, an awaiting, a perseverance, a steadfastness, an abiding”, “to carry to full term”

- Perseverance is carrying what we’re believing to full term,

7. See Every Test As Part Of The Process Of Birthing

1 Peter 4:12-13, NIV – “(12) *Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. (13) But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”*

- If we hold fast, every test will become a testimony, because every testimony starts with a test!
- “Suffer” = “puro_sis” = “a burning, a refining, a purifying”
- To suffer means to persevere the influence of what is going on around us, so that instead of being moved by it, we are purified by it!

8. Decide What You Will Be Fully Persuaded (Convinced) About!

Romans 4:18-21, NIV – “(18) *Against all hope, Abraham in hope [expectation] believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ (19) Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead -- since he was about a hundred years old-- and that Sarah's womb was also dead. (20) Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, (21) being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”*

- We need to stop trying to believe God for everything, and just start believing, what God has said

Luke 8:41,49-50, NIV – “(41) *Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ... (49) While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. ‘Your daughter is dead,’ he said. ‘Don't bother the teacher any more.’ (50) Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, ‘Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.’”*

WINNING THE BATTLE FOR YOUR MIND

Part 4 – How To Really Believe

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1. We Need To Learn How To Inherit The Promises

2. We Receive Our Inheritance Through Faith And Patience

a) Patience Is Not Waiting

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b) Patience Is An Aggressive Action Word

Mark 5:25-29, NIV – “(25) *And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. (26) She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. (27) When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, (28) because she thought, ‘If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.’ (29) Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.”*

c) Patience Is Perseverance

- Patience means to endure, to stand firm, to persevere, to keep aggressively seeking the promise until you see it come to pass

d) Our Faith MUST Be Tested

James 1:2-3, NIV – “(2) *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, (3) because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance (patience).”*

e) Patience Developed Through Tested Faith Receives The Promises

James 1:4, NIV – “(4) Perseverance (patience) must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

3. We Need To Learn To Truly Believe

a) Do We Really Believe?

- When did we believe it, if we gave up when we didn't see it .. or were we really just hoping?

b) We Must Correct Our Understanding Of Believing

HOW TO TRULY BELIEVE

1. Understand That Believing Is The Work That God Has For You

John 6:28-29, NIV- “(28) *Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’* (29) *Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’*”

2. Confess That You Really Don't Believe

Matthew 13:58, NASB – “(58) *And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.*”

- We've convinced ourselves we were really believing, and then when things don't work, we blame God -- but the problem is really with us -- we didn't really believe

3. Work On Renewing Our Minds With God's Word

Romans 12:2, NIV – “(2) *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.*”

- The goal is to get our mind renewed, to change the way we think, so that we really believe what God says
- Why? Because unbelieving people believe, they just believe the wrong things.

4. Focus On God's Faithfulness

Mark 11:22, NIV – “(22) *‘Have faith in God’, Jesus answered.*”

- The goal of learning to really believe, is so we can focus on believing what God says
- The key isn't believing for a thing, the key is believing in the faithfulness of God
- The key to faith is faith in His fullness -- faithfulness
- It's not how much OUR faith we can generate, it's not how much WE can believe for, it's simply faith in God, in His ability to do what He has promised

5. Lay Everything You're Believing For, On Something God Has Said

- Can we trace what we are believing for, back to something God said, or is it just something that we've decided we want, or hope for, or desire?

Psalms 37:4, NIV – “(4) *Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.*”

- God gives us the desires of our heart, when we are meditating on His word, and we're getting our mind renewed, and we're discovering what desires we should be desiring
- We're making this faith thing way too difficult, we're trying to make faith all about our believing, but what we really need to do is go back to God's Word, and make sure that it's something that He desires for us to have

Ephesians 3:20, NIV – “(20) *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*”

6. Consider Yourself Pregnant And Getting Ready To Give Birth

James 1:4, NIV – “(4) Perseverance (patience) must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”