

# Empowered Endurance

Greek word hupomonē

'through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about **perseverance**; and **perseverance**, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.'

Romans 5:2-5 NASB 1995

# Tribulation brings about Endurance

- ◆ thlipsís - tribulation or pressure or afflictions
- ◆ katergazomái - produces, brings about, accomplishes
- ◆ hupomonē - bearing up under, patient, persevering endurance
- ◆ We saw that this endurance is connected with love poured in our hearts and the hope of Christ's return.

# Perfect and complete

- ◆ My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces **patience [hupomonē]** But let **patience** have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. James 1:2-4 NKJV

# The Attitude of Hope

- ◆ For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

'For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.'

Romans 8:19-22 ESV

'And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience [hupomonē].'

Romans 8:23-25 ESV

# Jesus fulfills God's Original Plan

- ◆ 'Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion ... over all the earth Genesis 1:26
- ◆ 'and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.' Romans 8:17
- ◆ 'as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.' Ephesians 1:10



Hupomonē patient endurance is connected  
with faith and hope and love.

Rom 8 - Eager longing apokalupsis. "Can you  
hold out a little longer knowing the glory that  
will be ours when Jesus Christ returns for us?"

Verb form - hupomenō - to endure

- ◆ 'Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, **endures** all things. ' 1 Corinthians 13:7
- ◆ The love of God within us enables us to endure.

# Faith enduring against adversity

- ◆ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:7 ESV

# Things happen beyond our control

- ◆ Nations fall into tyranny
- ◆ Economic Cycles
- ◆ Natural disasters
- ◆ Our culture opposing Christianity
- ◆ Disease and aging

Ken's story. In his affliction asking to pray for people. He feels like the 3 guys in the furnace. God is able, but if not... God is sooo present whether we get delivered sooner or later or not at all, He is with us.

# Comforted as we endure

- ◆ ' Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you **patiently endure** the same sufferings that we suffer. ' 2 Corinthians 1:3-6

# God empowers this endurance

- ◆ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all **endurance** and patience with joy;  
Colossians 1:11
- ◆ May **the God of endurance** and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, Romans 15:5

# Fruitfulness through endurance

- ◆ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. Luke 8:15



# What have we learned?

- ◆ Thlipsis, tribulation brings about hupomonē. James says “count it all joy”
- ◆ Goes hand in hand with our hope of Christ’s return and builds our hope
- ◆ Our God is the God of this patient endurance (Romans 15:5)
- ◆ We are strengthened with divine glorious power to have this endurance. It is not our own strength
- ◆ Love endures all things
- ◆ It produces experience, comfort and fruitfulness

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with **endurance** the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who **endured** from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. Hebrews 12:1-3