

Emmaus Church Community

05.08.2016 Sunday gathering #581 Season: Easter

Now, Do This: Persevere

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This is for...

James writes his letter... James 3:1-12 (p. 848)

...as a manual for _____.

...and perhaps his central theme is: _____.

At the very beginning: (1:2-4)

A little later: (1:12)

At the end: (5:7-11)

Perseverance: A major theme in the practical teachings of Christians

“The characteristic of the man who is unswerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to his faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.” - Thayer’s Greek Lexicon

“...pursue endurance.” - Paul, 1 Timothy 6:11

“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...”
- The writer of Hebrews, Hebrews 12:1

The call to persevere should dictate the ways we approach:

1. worship

2. adversity

3. others

For discussions at home or home group discussions:

- . Share your initial reaction to the idea that part of what we, as Christians, are called to, is *perseverance*.
- . Are you more of a starter or a finisher? Name something you’ve done “for a long time.”
- . Review and discuss the passages from James (front side of notes).
- . What is challenging *to you* about the call to endure/persevere?
- . What about others? Who do you need to help make it to the end?