



SERIES: STRATEGIES FOR OVERCOMING ADVERSITIES
TOPIC: THE POWER OF ENDURANCE – PASTOR ALTON TRIMBLE
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I PETER 5:5-10 (NKJV)

Likewise, you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

KEYS TO ENDURANCE:

1. HUMILITY MUST BE FOUNDATIONAL TO ANY STRATEGY OF ENDURANCE.

VERSE 5 – Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Three P’s to know:

1. **Place** myself.
2. **Put** on myself.
3. Embrace **passivity**.

ACTS 20:19 (NKJV)

...serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews.

EPHESIANS 4:2 (NKJV)

...with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love.

2. THE GRACE FOR ENDURANCE COMES WHEN WE SEEK TO BE UNDER AUTHORITY BEFORE SEEKING TO BE IN AUTHORITY.

VERSE 6a – Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God...

- a. What you focus on determines what you are submitting to.

PSALM 123:2 (NKJV)

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until He has mercy on us.

- b. Be sure you are motivated to build the Kingdom of God and not your own.

MATTHEW 6:10 (NKJV)

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

- c. Stick to a conviction of submission in tough times.

MATTHEW 26:39 (NKJV)

He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

- d. Even when it's clear to you the assignment is impossible.

LUKE 1:38 (NKJV)

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

- e. If you will stay, rebellion will go away.

JAMES 4:7 (NKJV)

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- f. Decide whose hand you are going to be under, your hand or God's hand.

God's hand is:

- Powerful and mighty

DEUTERONOMY 5:15 (NKJV)

And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

JOSHUA 4:24 (NKJV)

“...that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty, that you may fear the LORD your God forever.”

- Exalted

PSALM 89:13 (NKJV)

You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.

- Victorious

PSALM 98:1 (NKJV)

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

- Able to save

ISAIAH 59:1 (NKJV)

*Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. Place of security JOHN 10:28-29 (NKJV)
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.*

- Made all things

ISAIAH 66:2 (NKJV)

For all those things My hand has made, and all those things exist,” says the LORD. “But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.

PSALM 19:1 (NKJV)

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork.

ISAIAH 48:13 (NKJV)

Indeed My hand has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens; when I call to them, they stand up together.

- Including us

ISAIAH 64:8 (NKJV)

But now, O LORD, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand.

- Sustenance for everything

JOB 12:2 (NKJV)

No doubt you are the people, and wisdom will die with you!

- Open

PSALM 104:28 (NKJV)

What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

- Our comfort, relief, help and hope.

ISAIAH 41:10 (NKJV)

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

- Trustworthy

LUKE 23:46 (NKJV)

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

Two strategies for bringing about submission:

- i. The world's system or strategy
- ii. The Kingdom of God system or strategy

II CORINTHIANS 4:7-9 (NKJV)

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

II CORINTHIANS 4:8-9 (NLT)

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. ⁹ We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.

II CORINTHIANS 4:7-9 (NCV)

We have this treasure from God, but we are like clay jars that hold the treasure. This shows that the great power is from God, not from us. ⁸ We have troubles all around us, but we are not defeated. We do not know what to do, but we do not give up the hope of living. ⁹ We are persecuted, but God does not leave us. We are hurt sometimes, but we are not destroyed.

3. YOU GET TO DECIDE ON WHO WILL PROMOTE YOU, YOU OR GOD.

I PETER 5:6b – *that He may exalt you in due time,*

MARK 1:14-15 (NKJV)

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel ^[a] of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God ^[b] is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

COLOSSIANS 4:5 (NKJV)

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time.

GALATIANS 3:13 (NKJV)

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”)...

GALATIANS 4:4-5 (NKJV)

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born ^[a] of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

EPHESIANS 5:16 (NKJV)

... redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

1 SAMUEL 2:8 (NKJV)

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory. “For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s, and He has set the world upon them.”

PSALM 91:14 (NKJV)

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

PSALM 107:41 (NKJV)

Yet He sets the poor on high, far from affliction, and makes their families like a flock.

PSALM 145:14 (NKJV)

The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

HABAKKUK 3:19 (NKJV)

The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, And He will make me walk on my high hills.