
The call to persevere, with hope

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous man falls seven times and gets up, but the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

■ *Romans 5:3 (RSV) More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,
4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.* ■

■ *Romans 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.* ■

■ Key: pg 2: frustration; failure; futility. Pg 3: hard; fair; want; tired; only. ■

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The World in Which Every Man Lives

Father's Day

June 17, 2018

■ The world in which a man lives his life ■

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The fallen world commonalities

The fallen world differences

Three painful realities for men.

- a. A sense of F_____.
- b. A sense of F_____.
- c. A sense of F_____.

Enemy thoughts

Ephesians 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

5 Enemy Thoughts:

1. "It's too H_____."
2. "It's not F_____."
3. "It's not what I W_____."
4. "I'm too T_____."
5. "I'm the O_____one."

2 Corinthians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

⁵ For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer.

⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.

⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.

¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,

¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many.
