

Persevering for The Promise

Praise & Worship:

Good, Good Father - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE_I-Klp2Uk

Nothing Is Impossible - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=every+Praise+with+motions

Scripture References: Romans 5:4; Heb 10:35-37; James 1:3

Memory Verses of Power (MVP): But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8 (NKJV) Review and Memorize during the week. (We will have this same verse for several weeks,)

Scripture summary:

1. The disciples continue to wait in Jerusalem until they receive power from God to be witnesses. There is only one problem. They wait and wait, but nothing happens. God's wants us to persevere while we wait. Perseverance makes our faith strong. Romans 5:4
2. Perseverance produces maturity in us -if- we do not give up. Perseverance develops strong character in us an prepares is to receive what God has for us. James 1:3-4
3. Perseverance is a test from God. He watches to see if we will gripe or complain. He watches to see if we will give up or keep trusting Him. God will give us what He promises if we persevere. Hebrews 10:35-37

Note: Perseverance means to continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties.

Discussion Questions:

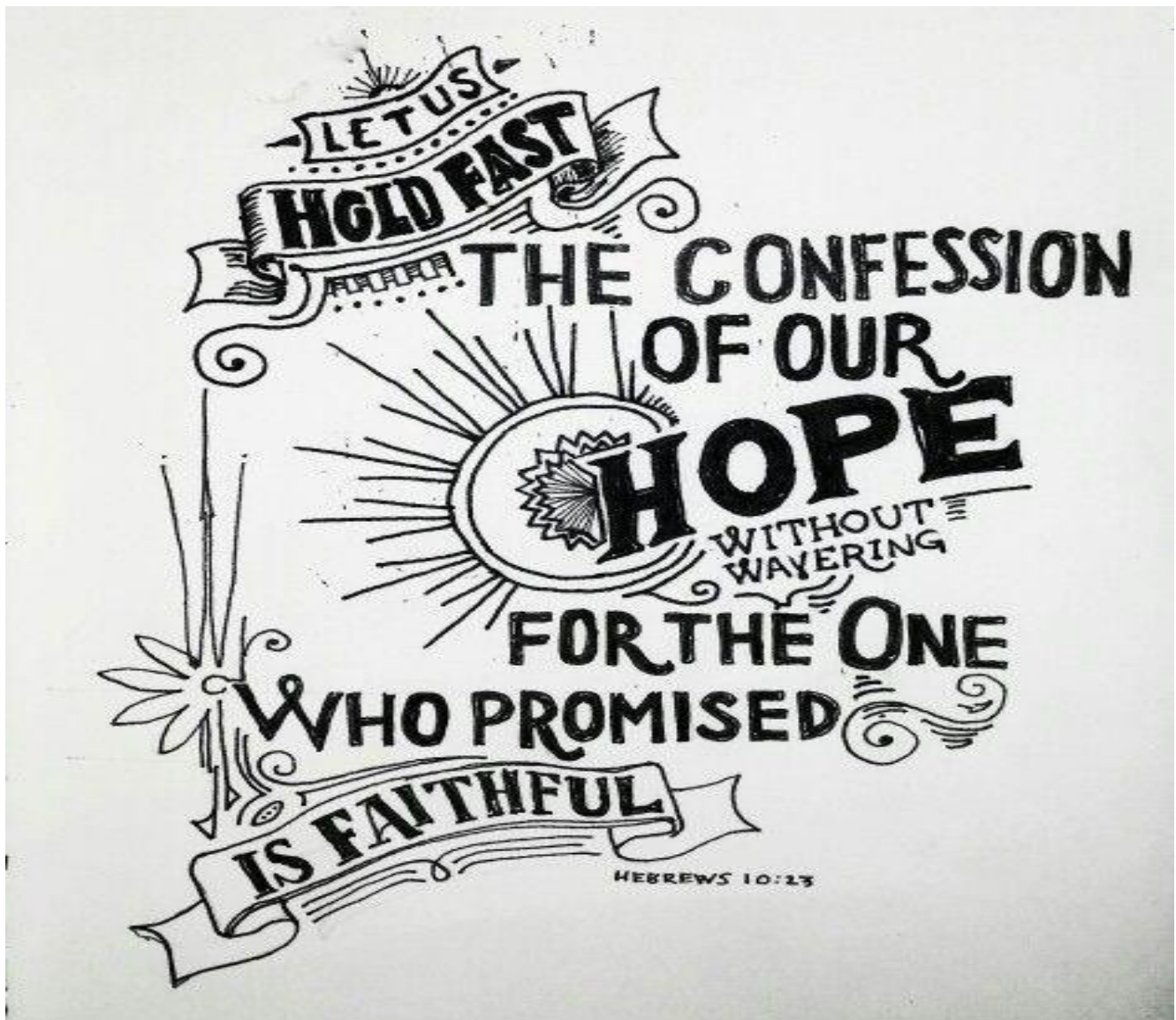
1. What is the difference between waiting and persevering? Jesus told them to wait for the Promise, but what happens when you waiting gets frustrating and boring?
2. It seems like waiting for a promise to come would make us weak, but the Bible says the opposite. How can perseverance make us "mature, and complete, lacking nothing?"
3. People can get very frustrated with one another when waiting is not rewarded. How can we encourage one another to keep the peace while we persevere?
4. God's timing is different from ours. Our idea of a long time is God's idea of "a little while?" Can you think of how God's timing is different than our timing?

Encouragement:

Jesus always keeps His promises. There is always a process we go through while we wait for His promises to come to pass. The process of waiting is difficult and requires us to persevere. Perseverance is a test of our faith. Will we continue in our efforts to receive God promises despite the difficulties? Encouragement from others gives us the strength to pass the test of perseverance. Sometimes we have to encourage ourselves. One thing is for sure. If we will endure and not give up, God will reward us. God grants His promises to those who persevere.

Object Lesson: Item Needed: A Sealed Jar - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVSkSupP9sU>

Prayer: Thank you Jesus for helping me to persevere in every situation. In Jesus Name, Amen.



Draw a frame around the picture.

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