



At the Movies Summer Series
"Perseverance"
Pastor Marcus / July 1, 2018

Opening Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

Prepare our hearts to receive the word that you would have for each of us today. I thank you in advance for what will come from this message on "Perseverance." I pray that our hearts and minds take time to reflect on what God would have us do as our next steps. We have all that we need from our source. Thank you for your guidance and patience as we navigate our daily fight with the enemy. I pray you encourage us today and remind us whom we trust. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Icebreaker: [Share your responses]

As you listen to this message, think about the season you are in right now. What challenges are you currently trying to persevere through? Don't be afraid to be transparent. Some examples may include:

- Health
- Financial
- Relational
- School/Work Related
- Spiritual
- Other

There are many things the Lord allows to happen in our lives. Your testimony is a story of devastation into a story of inspiration.

There are **three reasons why we should persevere:**

- | First, to humble ourselves.
- | Second, to help others.
- | Third, it honors God.

As you listen to this message, think about the challenges you are going through. What is making it hard for you to persevere? Is there anything others are doing that are interfering with your victory? Are there any choices you are making that are holding you back from your own victory? Is there an answer you are waiting on? Is there a reason you are having a challenging time of partnering with God in this?

- What exactly are you trying to press through?

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- _____

- In what ways are you seeing you need God?

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- _____

- What do you believe God wants to grow in you this season? How will He be honored?

- _____
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Encouragement:

There are many more people than you think that have the same struggles as you. There are many people that have a similar story of what you are going through. Maybe their story of devastation turned into a story of inspiration; their testimony of God's miracles. Don't be afraid to share what you are going through. You are relatable.

- Get into group of 2-3 and pray these over one another.

Scriptures:

Proverbs 3:34 "Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble." (NKJV)

Romans 5:3-5 (NKJV) "And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Prayer:

- Ask God to show you through this challenging season that He is mighty and is with you.
- Pray these as declarations of victory because of WHO God is:
 - I know that you are looking for faithful people.*
 - I believe that you want to show yourself strong on my behalf.*
 - I know that I cannot be the person you created me to be without your strength.*
- Don't try to bear it alone. Share your heart and life with your church family.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank you for opening my eyes today and for the reminder that you are Worthy to be praised and Worthy to be trusted. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I believe that I am on the first step to a journey of breakthroughs. Thank you for the victory, Father. I give this "fight" to you and this "breakthrough" to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Next Steps:

- Think of someone to partner with and keep them updated on how you are persevering and maybe how you're having trouble.
- Be one another's encouragement and prayer partner.
- Set a start and end dates with check in points to help you both be accountable.

Notes:
