

“Saintly Endurance”

Reflection and Discussion Questions

3/21/20

You are invited to use the following questions for personal reflection or small group discussion:

- 1) Think of a time when you felt your life was disrupted in a major way.
 - a. Where did you go for support?
 - b. What became the most important thing for you at that moment?

- 2) Revelation 12:17 reveals that “the dragon [devil] was enraged with the woman [God’s people], and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring [remnant of her seed; remainder of her descendants], who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.”
 - a. In light of the unique circumstances that we find ourselves in, what can you do to keep the commandments and have the testimony of Jesus Christ?
 - b. What do you think is revealed in the character of God’s remnant people as they survive severe external pressures?

- 3) After a period of continued duress during World War II, Winston Churchill spoke these words: “But for everyone, surely, what we have gone through in this period... this is the lesson: never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense.” How can you apply these words to your experience right now?

- 4) The word *perseverance* refers to the ability to abide in hope under external crises. The same word is also translated as *steadfast endurance* in other versions of the Bible. Revelation 14:12 says “here is [encouragement for] the steadfast endurance of the saints (God’s people), those who *habitually* keep God’s commandments and their faith in Jesus.”
 - a. As a part of God’s holy people (set apart for a specific purpose), where is God calling you to be habitually faithful as you steadfastly endure current circumstances?
 - b. Read Hebrews 10:36-39. What is God saying to you through this passage?

- 5) In Matthew 26:36-45, Jesus asked His disciples to stay put at Gethsemane while watching and praying. Much like them, we are currently asked to stay in place and not congregate with other people.
 - a. Who or what is God calling you to pray for while you are asked to remain in place?
 - b. How will you “keep watch” despite of the obstacles and confusion that you may experience?