

Persistent Faith
Luke 1:26-35
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“Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”(Hebrews 11:1)

1. Persistent faith is not about _____;
it’s about _____

God calls us into obedience not for our happiness, but for our GOOD

2. Persistent faith is built on _____.
Luke 1:5-7; 23-25

We have to build up our testimony bank:

- a. Intentionally engage with and remember the testimonies in scripture.
- b. Intentionally engage with and remember the testimonies of other believers.

3. Persistent faith is _____.
Persistent faith is not about feeling; it is about obedience.

Weekly Application Step:

1. Surrender your life to Jesus: If you have not already chosen to surrender your life to Jesus and put your faith in him-don’t wait any longer.
2. Ask God to reveal where in your life you have chosen comfort over obedience. “God, I want to have persistent faith. Reveal to me anywhere where I am being disobedient, or my faith is fragile.”
3. Build up your testimony bank: Engage with scripture every day AND ask other believers to share their own stories of God’s faithfulness with you.

Questions for Further Study

1. Read Luke 1:5-25. How is Zechariah's response to the angel different from Mary's?

2. What is the difference between *doubt* and *questions*? Can we have faith and questions at the same time?

3. When was a time in your life when you were in the middle of a trial and had questions? Where did you look for answers? How did your response impact your faith?

4. Think about a narrative/character in the Bible. How did God show up for them and get them through their hard time?

Ex: Hagar in Genesis 16, David and Goliath in 1st Samuel 17, Ruth and Naomi in the book of Ruth, Paul and Silas in Acts 16:16-34)

5. How can you practice persistent faith in your day-to-day life?