



**Enough** is our Concordia University Texas theme for the 2023-2024 academic year.

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Perseverance means persistence or tenacity in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. I wanted to include that so that maybe my story made a bit more sense. I am a Spartan. If you don't know what a Spartan is, it is someone that has completed one of the three Spartan races which include a 5k, 10k and a half marathon with 20-30 obstacles to test your strength. I completed the hardest one of these three which is the half marathon with around 30 obstacles. While it was incredibly hard and painful at times, I pushed through with the help of Maddie, Kareleen, Chad, Grant Carey (PC), and Pastor Jake. Have their been any times in your life where you thought about giving up in that area of your life because of how hard it got? Maybe school got too hard or life just got so stressful and you had no idea where to go. Sometimes life gets hard and we just don't see that finish line or maybe question why we are here. I know there were times during the Spartan all of us looked at each other and just were like why did we do this to ourselves and how are we going to finish. This happens in life too where you can't see that finish line to the semester or to college because of how hard it is to pass classes with all the stresses of life. I want y'all to look at James 1:2-6 to see how perseverance can relate to our faith lives.

Reading:

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”

Wow I don't know about y'all but verse 2 just gets me. 'Consider it pure joy when you face trials.' I sure don't say Yippee thank you God for giving me 5 papers to write, a passing loved one, moving from family, or any other types of trials of life. Obviously you shouldn't be like crazy happy for the bad parts of these things but you should be excited about the opportunities to come from trials. After you get through college, you will be able to pursue that career you have always wanted but it doesn't come easy. Same with the passing of a loved one or moving far from family or whatever that trial is look at that other side of the coin. Realize that while it's hard to lose someone that is a believer is up in Heaven partying. Realize that while moving far from those you love or any other trials you face that you will grow so much as a person and also in your faith. So the trial you are facing right now and the trials you will face the rest of your life, realize that God has got you and that these trials will help grow you into the person God wants you to be and that person is a shining beacon for God! Lastly I want y'all to read John 16:33. It is so amazing to know that God is in control at all times even in the midst of our trials.



**QUESTIONS:**

- 1. What are some trials you are going through?
  - 2. How can you view your trials with a positive light rather than a negative light?
  - 3. How can you help support others through their trials?
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**PRAYER:**

*Dear Lord, thank you for enduring the cross with joy for us. Because of your great love for us, we are able to run the race of life, especially when it gets hard. We thank you that you are always with us and that you gave us the people around us to encourage and equip us to endure. Remind us of these*

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