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ACTS 14:1-6

PERSEVERANCE & PATIENCE

There were two groups of people in Iconium. The first group believed that Paul and Barnabas were teaching about the true God to them. While, the second group refused to believe and this group of people even influenced other people to go against Paul and Barnabas.

Knowing this, Paul and Barnabas stayed in Iconium for a longer time in order to share about God and convince more people to receive Jesus as their Saviour. They were perseverant in speaking boldly about God to them.

Paul and Barnabas understood that it took time to reach out to others and to see the fruit of their ministry and prayer. It was not instant like instant noodles!

With the help from the Holy Spirit, Paul and Barnabas were perseverant and patient when facing adversaries. They believed that God's power was way more powerful and would prevail over any scheme of man. God's power still works the same way now!

Be perseverant when you have difficulties, be patient while waiting for a miracle and don't give up when things don't go the way you expect.

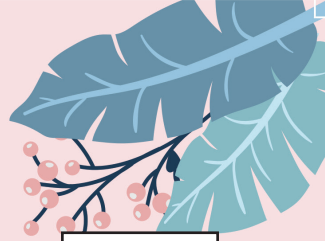
Key verse:

*Galatians 6:9
And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up!*

Prayer

Dear God, give me perseverance and patience in facing and handling any challenge in my life. Amen.





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ACTS 16:25-36

PRAISE GOD ALL DAY LONG

When Paul and Silas were inside the jail, instead of grumbling and crying over their situation, they praised and prayed to God. Can you imagine that?

A supernatural thing happened after their praise and worship time in jail! There was an earthquake that opened the prison doors and everyone's chains came loose. Later on, the jailer and his whole family accepted Jesus as their Saviour and Paul and Silas were released the very next day!

They did not pity themselves and they did not suggest that serving God was not worth it. God is worthy of our praise all the time.

Sing praises to God at all times, in the morning, before sleeping, throughout the day and in any circumstance. There is a hidden power in our praises! Let's praise God all day long!

Key verse:

*Psalm 35:28
And my tongue shall proclaim Your righteousness
And Your praise all day long.*

Prayer

Dear God, I praise You all the time. I praise You all day long. I praise You forever. Amen!





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ACTS 18:1-11

GOD SAYS, "I AM WITH YOU"

While Paul was so bold talking and sharing about Jesus, some people disagreed with him. They did not only disagree with what Paul was teaching but they also started to be so abusive. As a human, Paul might have felt a bit discouraged.

As an all-knowing God, He knew what Paul was going through. He came to Paul in a vision. He assured Paul not to be afraid as He was with him! God encouraged Paul to continue speaking about Jesus! God guaranteed Paul that no one would be able to harm him as God always protected him.

God's promise to Paul is also God's promise to you and me. When God says, "I am with you," it means we are never alone and He is always with us to support and protect us.

Do not be dismayed at the size of your problem. Instead, focus on how great our God is! He is the Way Maker and Miracle Worker! And He is with you.

Key verse:
Acts 18:10a
I am with you,
and no one will
be able to hurt
you.

Prayer
Dear God, thank
You for always
being there for
me. I need You
each day. Amen.





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ACTS 20:25-32

IN GOD'S CARE

To commit someone to a person means to hand over, as for safekeeping and to entrust. When Paul said to God's believers that he committed them to God, it meant he entrusted them into the care of God.

Being in the care of God is just like being taken care of by your dad and mom.

God will ensure that you have everything you need, physically and mentally.

God will cheer you up when you are feeling down.

God will discipline you when you go astray so that you will not grow up in the wrong path.

God is always ready to listen to all your stories, sadness and joy.

God will guide you when you are having your exam or a certain challenge in life. His wisdom will be poured upon you.

We lack nothing as long as we are in God's care!

Key verse:

*Acts 20:32a
Now I commit you to God and to the word of His grace.*

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for always taking care of me. Keep me close to You all the time. Amen.





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ACTS 24:24-27

A WELL-BALANCED LIFE STYLE

In order to be healthy, we eat healthy foods, cut down on unhealthy snack and exercise regularly. That's right! Our body needs a balance of food and exercise. Exercising regularly is as important as eating regularly. This is how we have a well-balanced lifestyle.

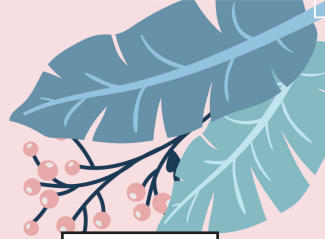
Initially, Felix, the governor, was willing to listen to Paul's word about faith in Jesus but when Paul talked about righteousness, self-control and the judgment that will come in the future, Felix became afraid and asked Paul to stop. Felix only wanted to hear about things that are nice to hear but he was not willing to listen to the whole truth, that includes living in righteousness with self-control and about the judgement that everyone will have to face.

Yes, God gives us so many great blessings in life and we can enjoy them. However, we also have to do our part by being a blessing to other people and live our lives according to God's word. This is how we have a well-balanced spiritual life with Jesus!

Key verse:
*Proverbs 10:17
Those who accept correction show others how to live. Those who reject correction lead others the wrong way.*

Prayer
Dear God, give me a heart to listen well to Your word and to be willing to live my life according to Your word. Teach me to have a well-balanced lifestyle. Amen.





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ACTS 27:21-26

TRUSTWORTHY GOD

Everyone in the ship, except Paul, was hopeless as the storm was raging fiercely. Paul told them that an angel of God had come to him the night before and encouraged him not to be afraid.

Paul not only knew that the message was from God, but he also believed that what God had said would happen. Although the storm seemed so terrifying, Paul trusted in God's promise. With this conviction, he comforted the hopeless people in the ship. And true enough, the Bible says everyone in the ship was safe.

The same God whom Paul knew and served is also our God.

God's word is steadfast for God is steadfast.

God's word is true for God is true.

God's word is trustworthy for God is trustworthy.

God always keeps His word.

It will always bring us a great reward when we put our faith and hope in God's word as His word has been proven over and over again as being TRUE and TRUSTWORTHY

Key verse:

*Acts 27:25
So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as He told me*

Prayer

Dear God, I place my faith in You as You're a trustworthy God who always keeps Your promises. Amen.





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ACTS 28:28-31

A LIFE LESSON FROM PAUL: ALL ABOUT JESUS

Paul lived over 2,000 years ago. His life was totally transformed by God. He used to be a man who hated and bullied Jesus' disciples. However, after his encounter with Jesus, he repented and became one of Jesus' greatest apostles.

He was so bold in telling people about Jesus. He feared no one and nothing. All he thought about was Jesus and how he could spread the teaching about salvation in Jesus. That was his mission.

The Bible writes that Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit so that he was enabled and equipped to bring many people to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Regardless of how big the challenges he had to face, Paul faithfully completed all that God had called him to do. He never gave up and never let his circumstances deter him from serving Jesus. Each time he met new people, Paul did not hesitate to talk about Jesus.

Let's make our focus and mission always be about Jesus!

Key verse:

*Acts 28:31
He preached about the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ. He was very bold, and no one stopped him.*

Prayer

Dear Jesus, may my life, words, actions, thoughts, mission and future be all about You. Amen.

