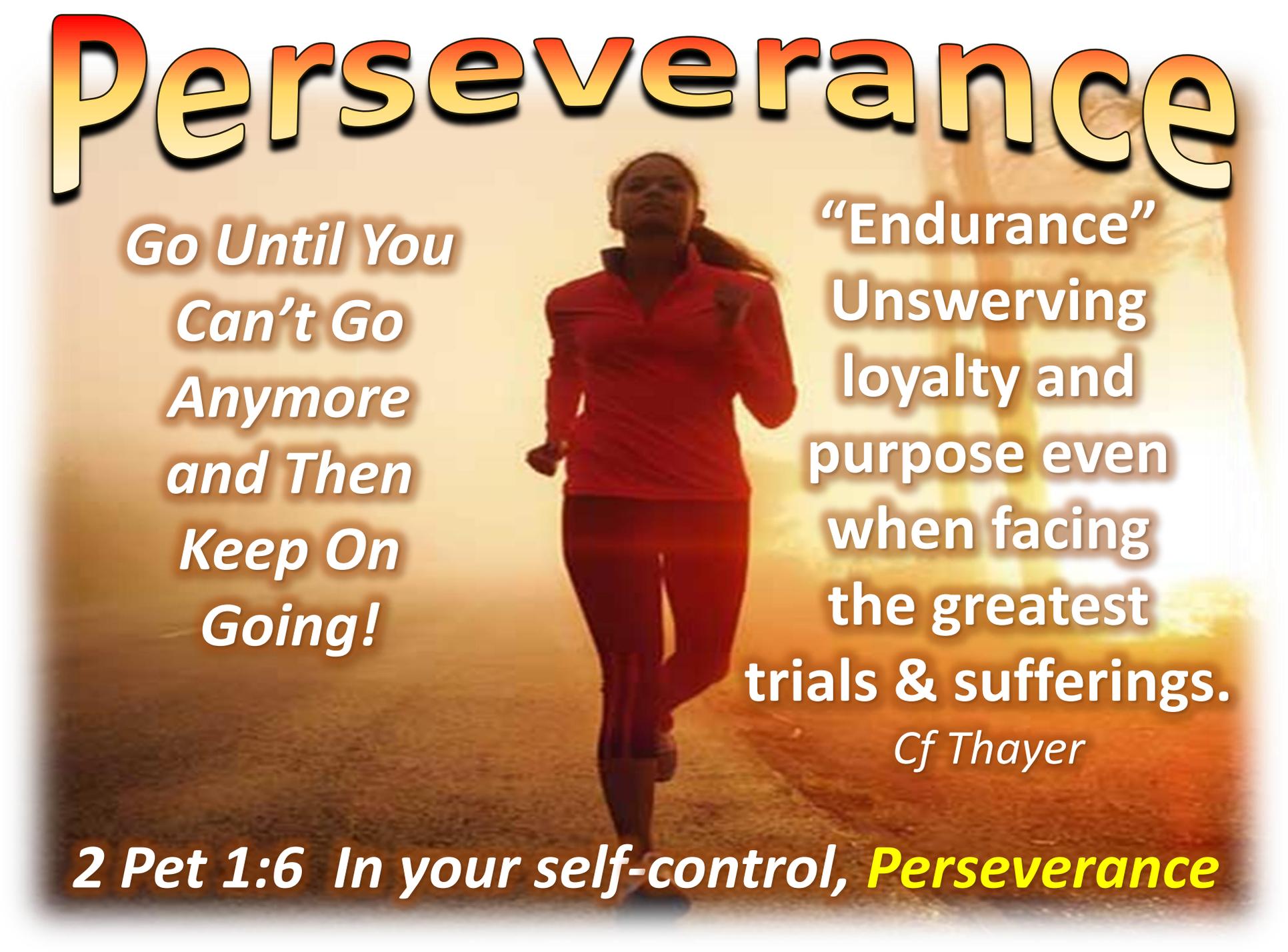


# Perseverance

A group of ducklings is shown on a concrete sidewalk. One duckling in the foreground is struggling, with its wings spread and its body low to the ground, as if it is falling or has just fallen. The other ducklings are gathered around it, some looking towards the struggling one. The scene is set on a concrete sidewalk with a dark curb in the foreground.

Continued effort in doing something despite difficulty in achieving success.

# Perseverance



*Go Until You  
Can't Go  
Anymore  
and Then  
Keep On  
Going!*

*“Endurance”  
Unswerving  
loyalty and  
purpose even  
when facing  
the greatest  
trials & sufferings.*

*Cf Thayer*

*2 Pet 1:6 In your self-control, **Perseverance***

# Perseverance

***Essential*** for Success in Every Field

Sports

Academics

Art/Science

Marriage

Religion

Military

Child raising

Fitness

Marathon

Your career

Life

Medicine

Music

Survival

# Perseverance

## Consistently

1 Cor 15:58

Be steadfast,  
immovable,

*Always*

abounding  
in the work  
of the Lord.



**Not Just Sometimes, Not Hot and Cold !**

# Perseverance

## Abundantly



Lk 8:14 Good Soils

“These are the ones who have heard the word in an honest & good heart, and hold it fast, **and bear fruit with Perseverance.**”

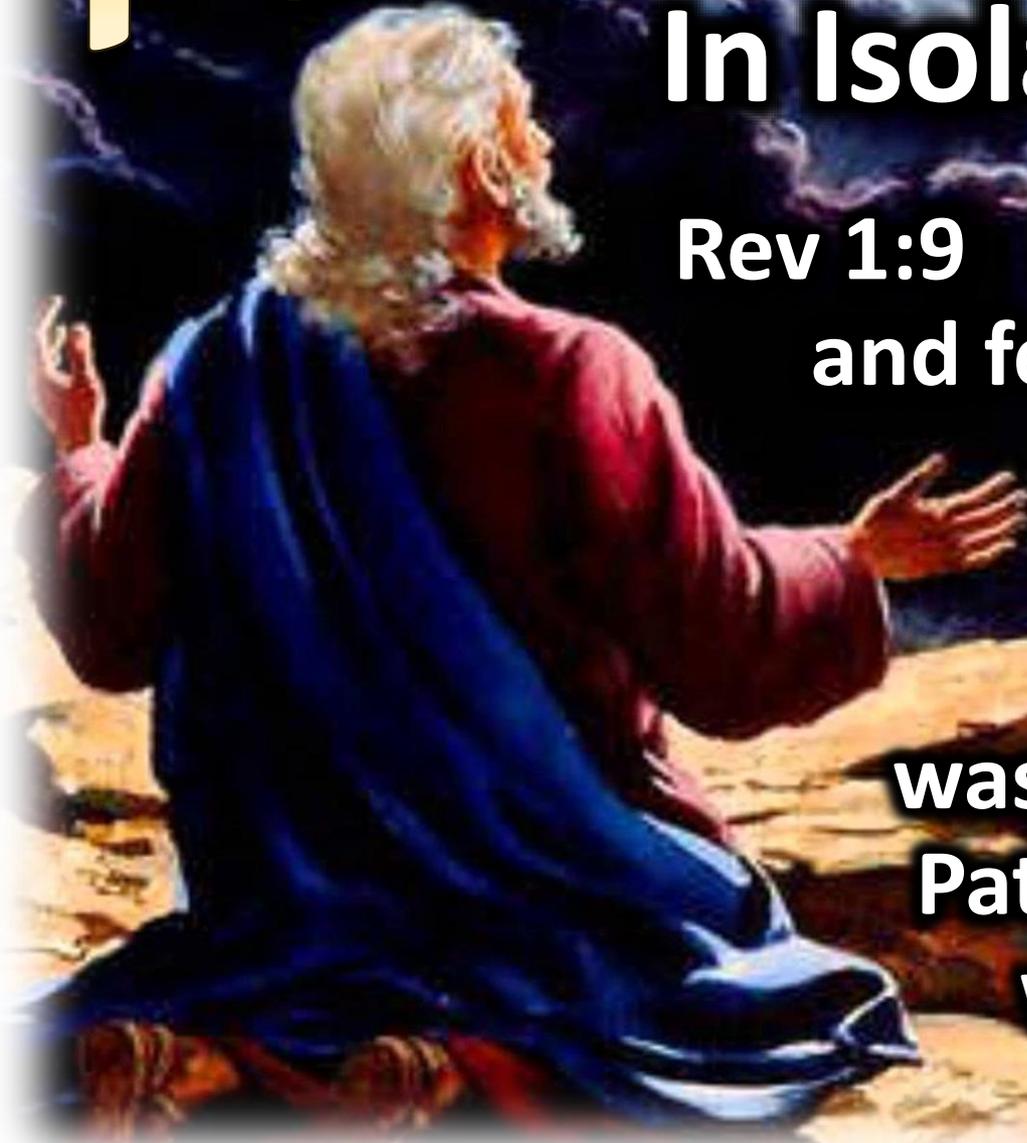
Hospitality, Benevolence, Evangelism, Service, Caring, Leadership, Teaching.

# Perseverance

## In Isolation

Rev 1:9 I, John, your brother  
and fellow partaker in the  
**tribulation** and  
**kingdom** and  
**Perseverance...**

was on the island called  
Patmos, because of the  
word of God and the  
testimony of Jesus.



# Perseverance

A close-up photograph of a tiger's face, focusing on its intense yellow eyes and the texture of its orange and black striped fur. The tiger is looking directly at the camera with a determined expression. The background is dark, making the tiger's face stand out.

**D**ETERMINATION **N**

The ability to see past challenge  
rather than to stare at it.

# Perseverance

Good Action, Wrong *Attitude*.

Rev 2:2 “I know your deeds and your **toil and perseverance** and you cannot endure evil men 4 'But this I have against you, that **you have left your first love.**”

# Perseverance

Good Attitude but, *Oblivious*

Rev 2:19 'I know  
your deeds, and  
*your love and faith  
and service and  
perseverance*

v20 *'But you tolerate* ...Jezebel that  
leads My bond-servants astray, so  
that they commit acts of immorality.



**"Nothing in the world can take the place of **Persistence**. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.**

**Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are overcome.**

# Perseverance



**Everybody has reasons to quit !  
What's your reasons to keep going ?**

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a white rectangular sign. The person is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. The sign has the word "STOP" in red, bold, sans-serif font at the top, and the words "MAKING EXCUSES" in black, bold, sans-serif font below it. The background is a plain, light blue wall.

**STOP**  
**MAKING**  
**EXCUSES**

# Perseverance

Jas 5:11

“Endurance of Job”

*The Wealthy man* (1:3)

*Wealth gone* (1:15-17)

*All Children killed* (1:18-10)

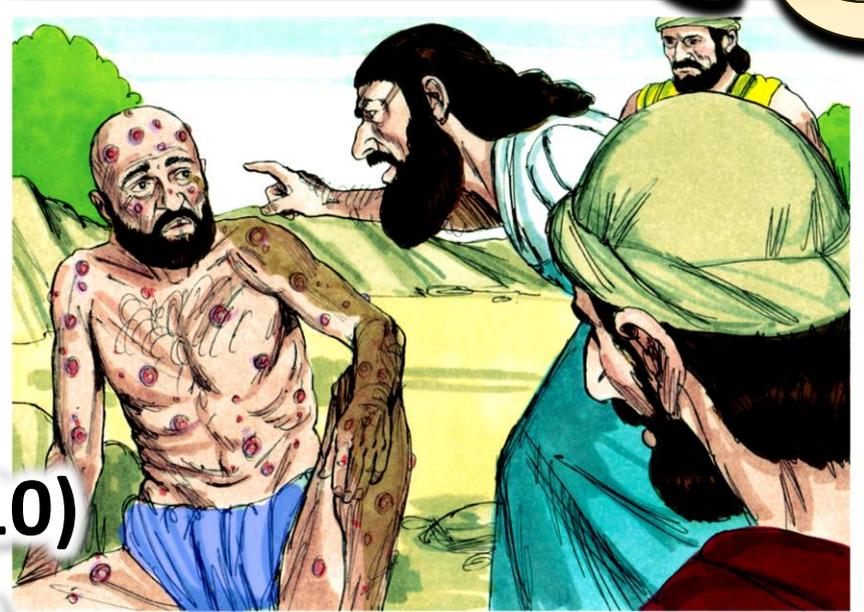
*Health is destroyed.* (2:7)

*Wife gives up.* (2:8)

*In utter despair.* (2:2-25)

*Friends accuse* him. (16:2f)

*Brothers Abandon.* (19:13<sup>a</sup>)

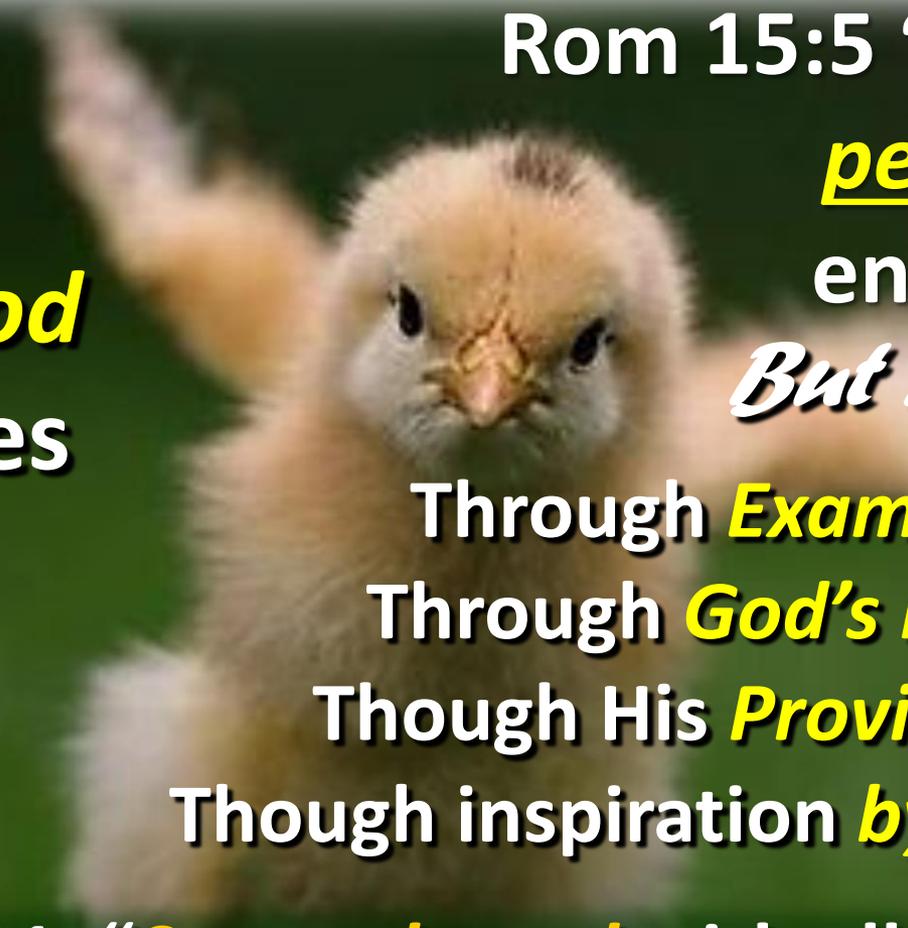


*Society Despises him.*  
(19:14)

*wife Resents him.*  
(19:17)

*Yet he never gave up!*  
(19:25-26)

# Perseverance



Rom 15:5 “God who gives  
perseverance and  
encouragement..”

*But How?*

NAS, NIV

1. **God**  
**Gives**  
**It!**

Through **Examples** in His Word!

Through **God's Patience** with Us!

Through His **Providence** in our Life!

Through inspiration **by other Believers!**

Col 1:11 “**Strengthened** with all power... for the  
attaining of all steadfastness & patience joyously.”

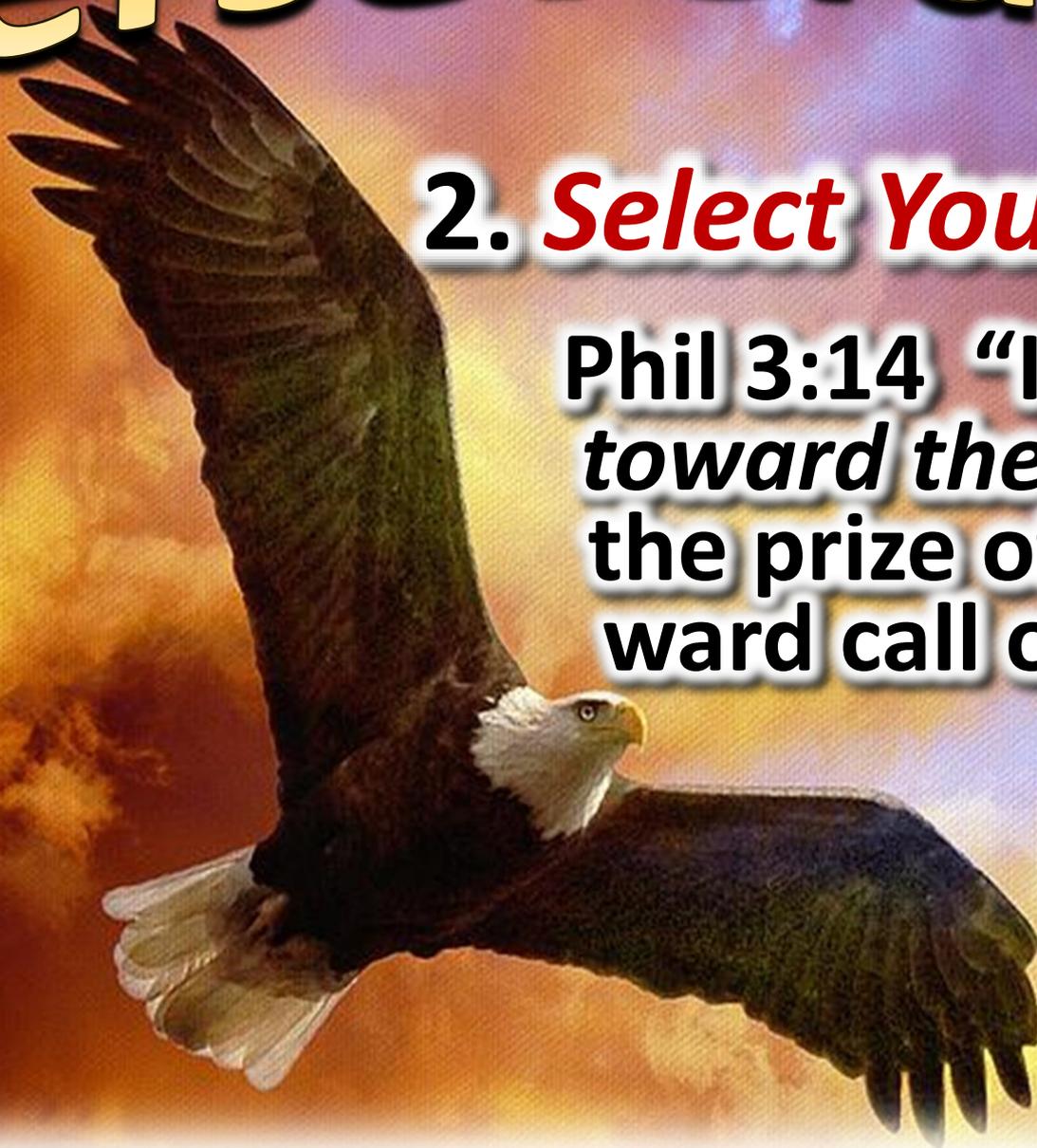
# Perseverance

## 2. *Select Your Goal*

Phil 3:14 “I press on *toward the goal* for the prize of the upward call of God..”

Dan 1:8

Ezra 7:10



# Perseverance

A photograph of a large, dark, irregularly shaped boulder blocking a paved road. A yellow crane is positioned to the right of the boulder, with its arm extended towards it. The background shows a hazy, mountainous landscape with utility poles and power lines on the left side of the road.

**3. *Prepare for  
Obstacles***

***Eccl 9:11 "Time and chance overtake  
them all."***

# Perseverance

## 4. Be *Optimistic* !

Phil 4:13 "I can do  
*all things* through  
him who  
strengthens  
me."

Psalms 71:5 "You are my *hope*; O Lord GOD, You  
are my *confidence* from my youth."

"Even the darkest  
night will end &  
the sun  
will rise."

— Victor Hugo.  
Les Miserables.

"You'll never find a rainbow if  
you're looking down"

— Charles Chaplin



# Perseverance

6. **Display Strength and Take Action.**

*(Dan 11:32<sup>b</sup>)*

All the plans in the world are great, but unless you take ***the first step***, it's useless!



# Perseverance

## 7. *Seek Support* from the *Strong*.

**Eccl 4:9** “*Two are better than one* because they have a good return for their labor.”



Be someone  
others can turn to

**Prov 27:17** “As iron sharpens iron.”

**Prov 18:24** “friend who sticks *closer than ...*”

**Prov 13:20** “*walks with wise men will be wise...*”