

Friday

"Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will be standing firm." – Ephesians 6:13

Reflection

1. What has God given us to fight with? What does this look like in everyday life?
2. How can WCC persevere against any enemies who try to distract us or who fight against what we are doing?

Saturday

"Be glad for all God is planning for you. Be patient in trouble, and always be prayerful." – Romans 12:12

Reflection

1. How can we be glad in the midst of suffering? How might God's view of "glad" be different from ours?
2. Paul encourages us to "always be prayerful." May we continue to seek God's will for our lives and follow Him whole-heartedly.

Prayer Points

Hebrews 11:27 says, "Moses kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible." He knew the secret to perseverance: focusing on Christ. As we step out and do what God has called us to do, we need to learn the same lesson: keep your eyes on Christ. When others try to distract you from fulfilling your sacred work, keep your eyes on Christ. When others mock you for doing something "crazy," keep your eyes on Christ. See His love; follow His example. And just keep on going.

- Leadership
- Children's Ministries
- Student Ministries
- Adult Ministries
- Mission & Outreach
- Community Care & Counseling
- Worship & Creative Arts
- Support Ministries

Personal Prayer Notes

Do you have any personal prayer requests? Do you want to thank God for something specific He is doing in your life? Use the space below to record these things. Be sure to review them later to see how God responds.



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Whole Hearted Jeremiah 29:13



*Seeking the will of God for
our church and community*

Week Six: Perseverance

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Perseverance:

Standing Strong

Nehemiah 4 & 6

Our prayer is for God to reveal His desires about how we can grow together with our community. If you would like to share what God has been revealing to you, follow these simple steps:

1. Record your thoughts in our online prayer journal at wccconnect.com
2. Record your thoughts in the printed prayer journal and drop it in the offering basket or at the info center.

You may download a pdf from wccconnect.com to print a second copy to record your thoughts on and turn back in.

We will select some thoughts to share for reflection online, however these will be displayed anonymously.

“They were just trying to intimidate us, imagining that they could break our resolve and stop the work. So I prayed for strength to continue the work.” – Nehemiah 6:9

They were against Nehemiah from the beginning. Tobiah, Sanballat, and Geshem didn’t want anyone to help Israel. They didn’t want anyone to rebuild Jerusalem.

So, as Nehemiah developed a plan for rebuilding the city, they devised a scheme to keep it from happening. As the Israelites began building the wall, they mocked them, saying, “That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!” (Nehemiah 4: 3). As the rebuilding became more difficult, these men planned to attack the Israelites and kill them. And as the work neared completion, Tobiah, Sanballat, and Geshem tried to distract Nehemiah and the Israelites.

Yet the Israelites persevered. They continued their work, building with one hand and holding a weapon in the other. They worked during the day and stood guard at night. Even though Tobiah, Sanballat, and Geshem constantly pestered him, Nehemiah held his ground, saying, “I am doing a great work! I cannot stop...” (Nehemiah 6:3).

The truth is, when we are doing God’s work, someone may try to stop us. As we continue seeking God’s will and building His Kingdom, distractions might come. Some people may mock us; others might think we are crazy.

But like Nehemiah and the Israelites, we’ll persevere. We’ll keep our eyes focused on God. May our response imitate Nehemiah’s: “We are doing a great work, and we cannot stop.”

Monday

“It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ.” – 2 Corinthians 1:21

Reflection

1. We all struggle to “stand firm for Christ” at one point or another. What types of situations cause you to struggle the most?

2. How has God helped you through those times? Pray that He will help WCC stand firm in the same way.

Tuesday

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.” – 1 Corinthians 13:7

Reflection

1. What does love have to do with perseverance? How does this compare with the love that God shows us?

2. Ask God to give us hearts that love others while we follow the mission He has given us. What might this look like on a practical level?

Wednesday

“Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering.” – Hebrews 10:32

Reflection

1. How can we as a church encourage each other to persevere through difficult times?

2. Consider the many Christ-followers around the world who suffer persecution for their beliefs. Pray that they will remain faithful.

Thursday

“But Peter and John replied, ‘Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about the wonderful things we have seen and heard.’” – Acts 4:19-20

Reflection

1. What types of things had Peter and John seen? Why was it impossible for them to stop sharing?

2. What have we seen? Ask God to give us this type of commitment to sharing Christ with others.
