

On-Line Sermon Notes

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Reasons to Remember

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. 1 Peter 3:18

- Sample of Suffering doc (155 cards)

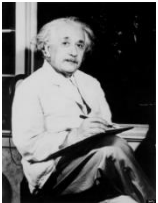
To Overcome Adversity

Adversity: A state which is opposite to our wishes, and the cause of sorrow. It stands opposed to prosperity.



Jim Carrey

At 15 dropped out of school to support his family
Family homeless; they lived out of a van

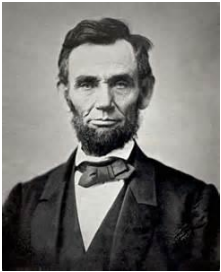


Albert Einstein didn't speak until he was four years old.

Had a very poor memory

Poor social skills

Kicked out of school (considered an oddball)



Abraham Lincoln

At age 7 his family was forced out of their home, and he had to work to help support them. At age 9, his mother died. At 22, he lost his job as a store clerk. He wanted to go to law school, but his education wasn't good enough. At 23, he went into debt to become a partner in a small store. At 26, his business partner died, leaving him a huge debt that took years to repay. At 28, after courting a girl for four years, he asked her to marry him. She said no. At 37, on his 3rd try he was elected to Congress, 2 years later he failed to be reelected. At 41, his four-year-old son died. At 45, he ran for the Senate and lost. At 47, he failed as the vice-presidential candidate. At 49, he ran for the Senate again, and lost. At 51, he was elected president of the United States.

- These stories are inspiring!

Consider Jesus (the most inspiring person of all)

- Family tree – incestuous Tamar, Rahab prostitute, Bathsheba adulteress
- Immaculate conception – people today still can't accept it
- Birth place – laid in a stable
- Unattractive (Is 53)

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. Isaiah 53:2b

Consider Jesus

- Homeless
- Cousin beheaded
- Pursued by Satan

- Family considered him insane

Consider Jesus

- Hometown reputation – Nazareth (Nathanael)
- Hometown rejection
- Rejected by Israelites
- Rejected by Samaritans
- Rejected by Romans
- Rejected by the Priests

Consider Jesus

- Anointing a “waste”
- Betrayed by Judas
- Deserted by friends
- Denied by Peter

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. Luke 9:51

Keys to Overcoming Adversity

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1. Consider Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-3)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, (Therefore → We are not alone) let us throw off everything that hinders (the things you can control – namely your perspective) and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, (we don’t get to mark out our own race, God does!)

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (fixed on Jesus – His word & His ways) (the pioneer came first – the trail blazer) For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (joy came out of understanding His purpose)

³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (reality is we can grow weary, we can lose heart) (we can give up the fight)

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2. Fix our eyes on eternity (2 Cor 4:16-18)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. (the one who raised Jesus will be the one to raise us) (reality = we are wasting away) (reality = we are being renewed daily)

¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. (perspective = our troubles are light & momentary) (purpose = an eternal glory awaits)

¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (fix our eyes downstream)

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3. Remain in Fellowship (Heb 10:24-25)

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (you made the right choice in being here!) we need one another – we encourage one another) (how? → by sharing burdens, lightening loads)