

THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF A TRANSFORMED MIND

A Message Series on the Renewing of Your Mind
Based on Romans 12:1-2

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INTRODUCTION

In Your Bible:

John 16:16-18

I. GOD IS A GOD OF THE "LITTLE WHILES"

Psalm 37:10

A **little while**, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

Haggai 2:6-7

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a **little while** I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. 7 I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty."

1 Peter 1:6-7

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a **little while** you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 7 These have come so that your faith — of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 5:10-11

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a **little while**, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.

II. IN THE “LITTLE WHILES” LIKE THIS YOU NEED TO

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Hebrews 10:35-39

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36 **You need to persevere** so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37 For in just a very little while, “He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38 But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.” 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Matthew 24:13

But he who **endures** to the end will be saved.

1 Corinthians 13:7

Love... always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always **perseveres**.

III. AMID THE “LITTLE WHILES” OF LIFE, GOD RAISES

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Psalms 60:4 (NLT)

But you have **raised a banner** for those who honor you —
a rallying point in the face of attack.

John 5:17

My Father is **always at his work** to this very day, and **I, too, am working**.

Romans 8:28

And we know that **in all things God works** for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Philippians 2:13 (RSV)

...for **God is at work in you**, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

IV. YOUR TRANSFORMED MIND WILL GROW IN PERSEVERANCE WHEN YOU:

A. _____ Christ and His Word

Romans 15:4

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through **endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope.

Philippians 2:5 (RSV)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

B. _____ Christ and His Word

James 1:3-4

...because you know that the testing of your faith develops **perseverance**. 4 Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

C. _____ Christ and His Word

James 1:2-3

Consider it **pure joy**, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops **perseverance**.

CONCLUSION