

## Be Persistent – See Obstacles as Opportunities

Why is it that some people make it, and others don't?

Read 2 Cor. 4:8-18.

Paul calls us to be four things:

- I. Be resilient – get back up when you are knocked down (8-9).
  - a. Paul was resilient.
    - i. Threaten him in Jerusalem; reappears in Antioch.
    - ii. Stone him and leave him for dead outside Lystra.
    - iii. Throw him in prison in Philippi, converts the jailer.
    - iv. Drag him into a courtroom in Caesarea.
    - v. Shipwreck him and leave him stranded.
    - vi. Throw him into a Roman jail.
    - vii. He got back up when he was knocked down.
  - b. It is imperative that Christians have the same spirit of persistence (Proverbs 24:16).
    - i. We are going to get knocked down.
    - ii. We may stumble and even fall in our Christian life.
    - iii. Christians must turn obstacles into opportunities.
- II. Be radical – persistent Christians love the Lord more than life itself (10-12).
  - a. The apostle Paul considered himself expendable so that others could come to know Christ.
    - i. Paul was devoted to spreading Christ's message.
    - ii. That is why he persevered and never quit.
    - iii. He loves the Lord and his cause more than life itself.
  - b. Does Jesus matter more to you than life itself?
    - i. Do you love the Lord more than romantic relationships, or the comfort of the U.S.?
    - ii. Is Christ really an all-consuming passion?
    - iii. If we love the Lord, then we don't lose heart.
- III. Be resolved – believe what you say you believe (13-14).
  - a. Paul believed certain things were a fact.
    - i. He believed that Jesus died an atoning death.
    - ii. Paul believed that his life had an eternal purpose.
  - b. Christians need to be people who know what they believe.
  - c. Christianity begins with facts to be believed.
    - i. Then there is faith to be expressed.
    - ii. Followed by feelings to be experienced.
- IV. Be focused – Christians must keep their eye on the goal.
  - a. Paul stayed focused on the eternal goal.
    - i. Our goal is to go to heaven.
    - ii. The adversary will do everything to distract us.

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**Sunday Worship (10:00 a.m.)**

**Sunday Bible Study (9:00 a.m.)**

**Wednesday Bible Study (6:30)**

**Life Groups (Various Locations)**

**Minister:**

Doug Austin

**Elders:**

Tim Dunnahoo

Wayne Fenter - Lee Rogers

Kent Taylor - David West

**Elder Chairman of the Month:**

David West



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# The Encourager

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**Song Leader:** Wayne Fenter

**Call to worship:** 26 – I Sing Praises

**Welcome:** Lee Rogers

**Songs:** 33 – We Praise Thee, O God

54 – Holy, Holy, Holy

22 – Our God He Is Alive

**Communion Song:** 579 – My Jesus, I Love Thee

**Communion Thought:** Noah McCarty

**Song:** 432 – Wonderful Words of Life

**Sermon:** Doug Austin

**Invitation Song:** 994 – Who Will Follow Jesus? (vs. 1 & 4)

**Closing Song:** 98 – Rejoice In the Lord

**Closing Prayer:** Oscar Hernandez

**Sunday Morning Bible study (9:00 a.m.)**

**1 John** – Doug Austin (Rm. 25)

**1 & 2 Peter** – Lee Rogers (Rm. 27)

**Genesis** – Oscar H, Quinton F, Jesse M (Small F)

**Revelation (Spanish Class)** – Mynor Vasquez (Rm. 22)

**Jr. High/High School** – Thomas Beard (Teen Room – Rm. 26)

**JL 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** – various classrooms, look for blue flag

**JL 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade** – various classrooms, look for red flag

**4's, 5's & Kinder** – Amy Joy (Rm. 12)

**2's & 3's** – Rachel & Mattie McCarty (Rm. 3)

**Nursery up through age 2** – Various teachers (Rm. 1)



Visitors, please scan this QR code and tell us a little about yourself!

### Prayer Requests

- **Jerry Salyards** is home & recovering from colon resection surgery. Continued prayers are appreciated.
- **Sharon Christian** has been transferred to a rehab facility in Albuquerque to recover from a recent case of pneumonia.
- **Sharon Carbone** is back home after surgery in Lubbock to clear the circulation in one of her legs/feet.
- **Melissa Baeza** had surgery on Wednesday. She is recovering and doing well.

### Continue in Prayer

Rosemary O'Neal, Anita Zuniga, Clara O'Neil, Wanda Walker, Sam & Pat Gentry, Cheryl Ringheimer, Helen Aston, Elaine Bell, Kathleen Sherman, Doris Rodriguez, Lauren Simons, Chris & Glenna Bertola, Gale Wright, Joyce Preston, Mary Ann Baeza, Koko & Beverly Blackwell

### From the Mailbag...

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the gratitude in my heart for all the love and kindness you have shown to me and my family. I am so thankful for my church family. Thank you so much. I love you all.  
-Betty Ullery

We want to thank all of you ladies for bringing food and serving food for our family and friends after Tyler's service. It was a relief not to worry about what everyone was going to eat. Everything was so good, and it gave everyone a little bit of time to relax before they traveled home. Thank you again,  
Michael & Amy Duncan

### Those Scheduled to Serve for March

**Deacons on Duty:** Greg Nibert, George Escalante, Joe Sanchez, Bryce Taylor

**Men on Duty:** Ron Doyle, Ronnie Merritt, Jerry Ringheimer

# Life@CCR

- **We are so thankful to our Recharge cooks and clean-up crew who continually step up to the plate each week! This week's cooks were Cydni Vandiver, Emily Taylor and Marcine McDaniel.** Please take note that Recharge will take a hiatus next week due to the Spring Break holiday.
- **We hope you'll consider joining us next Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> for an all-congregational devotional in the Small Fellowship at 6:30.** Please note that all classes will be cancelled on that evening!
- **Due to rising costs, we had to switch the provider of our bulk email service. If you have not been getting prayer chain emails this week, please let Lindsay know asap!**
- **We are collecting donations for the New Mexico Christian Children's Home pantry.** If you would like to contribute please turn in your donation to the church office by Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you write a check please fill the memo line to read "commissary."
- **Mark your calendars for a singing devo following Recharge on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.** Children's classes will still be in session on that evening.
- **Make plans now to join us for a Spring time potluck following a.m. worship on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Kerry Holton will be preaching for us on that morning then we will head to the gym for a time of food & fellowship.
- For those interested, we have sent over our logo along with the new church mission statement to CRM Discount Awards at 909 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. If you would like to have a t-shirt, etc. made up they now have our logos in their system.
- **There will be a youth devotional at the home of Celso & Saira Mendoza on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 p.m.** The Mendoza's reside at 4101 E. Grand Plains Rd., 88203.

### **Week @ a Glance**

#### **Celebrations & Happenings**

<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Bible Class @ 9 a.m. A.M. worship @ 10 a.m., also available on 106.5 FM, Facebook Live & YouTube. Carolyn Anderson's b-day.
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	Dennis Seik's b-day.
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Jerry Ringheimer's b-day.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Ladies Bible Class @ 10 a.m. All-congregational devo @ 6:30 p.m. Cheryl Ringheimer's b-day.
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Jennifer Franzoy & Lilly Kay Houghtalin's b-day.

### **Small Group Bible Study for 2 Corinthians 4:8-18**

1. Who is the most resilient person that you have ever known? How did they develop that resiliency? Tell their story if you can.
2. Why is persistence so important in our Christian walk?
3. How can we learn to "love the Lord and his cause" more than anything else? Why is this such a challenge for most Christians?
4. How can we help someone who is "losing heart" and getting more and more discouraged?
5. Which comes first: faith or feelings? Why?
6. When we are discouraged, what should we focus on? Why?