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MESSAGE 3: KEEP PERSPECTIVE

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LOST PERSPECTIVE



As for us,
we have all these great witnesses
who encircle us like clouds.
So we must let go of every wound
(arrow tip) that has pierced us.

Hebrews 12:1 TPT



YOU ARE NOT ALONE!



There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection.

Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword.

They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated – the world was not worthy of them.

They wandered in deserts and mountains,

living in caves and in holes in the ground.

Hebrews 11:35-38 NIV

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- > ... leads to self-pity and giving up.



God is Good!

All the time!

But life is not always good.



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1. Don't give up hope (Hebrews 6:19).



We have this certain hope (confident assurance) like a strong unbreakable anchor (spiritual lifeline) holding our souls (firm and secure) to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat in the heavenly realm beyond the threshold, (behind the veil into God's inner sanctuary), ...

Hebrews 6:19 TPT



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- 2. Self-Talk: Talk to yourself (Psalm 42:5).



Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.

Psalm 42:5 NIV



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To console (care for) those who mourn in Zion,
 To give them beauty for ashes,
 The oil of joy for mourning (tears),
 The garment of praise
 for the spirit of heaviness (despair),
 That they might be called trees
 (Mighty oaks) of righteousness,
 The planting of the Lord,
 that He may be glorified (living displays).

Isaiah 61:3 NKJV



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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what's unseen is eternal...

For we live (walk) by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 4:18 & 5:7 NIV



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- 5. Choose to overcome (Romans 8:37).



As it is written:

"For your (God's) sake

we face death all day long;

we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things, we are

more than conquerors (overcomers)

(we triumph over them all)

through him (Jesus), who loved us.

Romans 8:36-37 NIV



And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me - ... for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength, ...,

Philippians 4:8-9a; 11b-13 NLT

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

How to build an enduring, go the distance faith ...

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 3: 1-19 (3-6 Translations)

DBS: Hebrews 3:1-4; 14-18

(Three-Column Study)

