



PRACTICAL | application to my life

Sunday's message concluded by looking at the following four questions:

- Am I willing to lack what He withholds?
- Am I willing to relinquish what He takes?
- Am I willing to suffer what He inflicts?
- Am I willing to be what He requires?

Circle the question that is the most difficult one for you to ask.

Each one of these questions can be turned in to a statement ("Lord, I'm willing to..."). Is there anything going on in your life right now where you need to make one of these questions the statement of your life?

Prayer Requests:

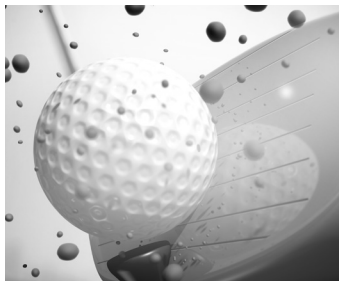
COMING SOON



COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY THIS SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Join our entire church family as we share the love of Jesus with our community and make a difference! We will meet in the auditorium at 8:30 a.m. and work until noon.

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SERMON NOTES

Sunday Message

Message: "Should I Stay or Should I Go?"

Text: 1 Peter 12-16

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"SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?"

In the New Testament, we often see _____ and _____ side-by-side.

- Romans 8:18
- Hebrews 2:10
- Matthew 2:13-16

Endurance: long term _____ in the same direction.

1. When we stay, we _____. 1 Peter 5:10;
1 Peter 1:6-7

2. When we stay, we _____ with _____. 1 Peter 4:13
Hebrews 5:8
Romans 8:17

3. When we stay, _____ is right around the corner.
2 Corinthians 4:17

Two Things Suffering Does:

1. It _____ our hearts towards _____.
2. It _____ our hearts to the things of this _____.
1 Peter 4:14-16

Four questions we need to ask ourselves:

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- Am I willing to suffer what He inflicts?
- Am I willing to be what He requires?

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For the week of Sept. 29, 2013.

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

HISTORICAL | getting to know me

1. In Sunday's message, Joel shared some of the places we typically avoid at all costs. What are some things or places that you avoid if given the chance?
2. Joel said, "**The times we grow the most are often the times of our greatest trials.**" Has that been true in your life? If so, what's a trial you've gone through that looking back has helped you grow and mature in your faith?

BIBLICAL | digging deeper into the Bible

1. When facing trials, our natural reaction is to escape, run, and get away. But the call of Scripture is a call to stay. What do the following verses say about endurance and what we can expect in life?
 - **HEBREWS 12:1-11**
 - **1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27**
 - **JOHN 16:33**

Do you approach life more as a sprint or a marathon? Why?

2. How does your attitude affect the way you respond to trials and suffering? Think of a struggle or trial you've recently faced. What was your attitude like?

What do the following verses tell us our attitude should be in the midst of suffering?

- **ROMANS 12:12**

- **1 PETER 4:13**

- **JAMES 1:1-4, 12**

3. The Apostle Paul was no stranger to trials and suffering. In fact, several of Paul's New Testament letters were written while he was in prison, including Philippians. In the short four chapters of Philippians, Paul uses a form of the word "joy" (joy, rejoice, rejoicing, etc.) at least fourteen times! How could a man in prison rejoice like this? What do the following Scriptures tell us about Paul's outlook on trials, and in turn, what our outlook should be?

- **PHILIPPIANS 1:21**

- **PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7**

- **2 CORINTHIANS 1:9**

- **2 CORINTHIANS 6:4-10**