

MESSAGE NOTES

Super Bowl Sunday
"Playing Hurt"
(Text: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, 16-18)

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1. We have to learn how to play when we're _____

_____.

Don't tell me it _____

whether or not you learn to play when you're _____!

2. We have to learn how to play when we're _____

_____.

If you don't learn how to _____ when

you're _____, you'll never make it.

3. _____ is what keeps us _____.

There'll be plenty of opportunities for you to _____.

When _____ – you'll do _____

_____ won't do.

You'll _____ in the game – when others _____.

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CONNECT GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of February 3.

GETTING STARTED _____

1. What is one thing in life you normally don't feel like doing but do it anyway?

2. Sunday we heard, "When you love – you'll do things others won't do." What's something you've done for love?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. We all have hurt in our lives. The difference comes down to what we do with the hurt. What are some different ways people handle their hurt?

2. Read **Hebrews 11:32-40**. What can you identify in these Old Testament individuals that caused them to believe God and triumph in their circumstances?

What characteristics do they share with people you consider modern heroes of the Christian faith?

What instruction does **Hebrews 12:1-3** give us to stay in the game?

3. Read **1 Corinthians 13:7**. What does it mean for love to bear and believe all things? What are some examples you know of in your life where this kind of love has been modeled for you?

What is it about love that can make us hopeful and give us endurance?

Read **John 13:1, 4-5**. How does it make you feel to read John's words, "Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"? How is Jesus' love the perfect example of **1 Corinthians 13:7**?

4. **2 Corinthians 5:14** says, "For the love of Christ controls us ..." Why is love the greatest motivator for us to stay in the game?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. When you think about what Christ and past heroes of the faith endured, how does it help us in our struggles to persevere?

2. How can we use our own personal experiences in endurance to encourage those currently facing hardship?