## "Radical Endurance" Series: "How to Become a Radical!" 8/31/25

Colossians 2:6-7 (NLT) "<u>Just as you accepted</u> Christ <u>Jesus as your</u> <u>Lord</u>, you must <u>continue to follow Him</u>. Let your roots grow down into Him and let your lives be built on Him..."

## **Endurance:** The ability to not give up or give in despite difficult circumstances

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT) "My dear brothers and sisters, <u>be strong</u> <u>and immovable</u>. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless."

Romans 15:5 "May the <u>God who gives endurance</u> and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."

## Psalm 84 (A Psalm of the "Journey")

Vs. 1,2 "How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty, <u>my soul</u> <u>yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;</u> my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

Vs. 5 "<u>Blessed are those whose strength is in you</u>, <u>whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.</u>"

Vs. 6 "As they pass through the Valley of Bake, they made it a place of spring, the autumn rains also cover it with pools."

Vs. 7 "They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion."

1 Peter 1:17 "...live out your time as foreigners here..."

1 Peter 2:11" Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles..."

## To Radically Endure (or to be successful in life's journey) I Must: 1. Have my strength God (vs. 5) Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is my strength." Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit" says the Lord' The Christian life is not hard it is 2. Have my focus God (vs. 5) Philippians 3:13-15 (NLT) "... I have focus on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us." 3. See my problems coming God (vs. 6) James 1:2-4 "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, when you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete..." 4. Trust in the power God (vs. 7) Proverbs 3:5,6 (NASB) "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.' 2 Timothy 1:12 "...I know whom I have believed and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that (eternal)

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