

## RELENTLESS 2021

Ecclesiastes 7:8 (NLT)

Finishing is better than starting.

**Don't forget what Pastor Jim Raley said, "The struggles you've had in your past has prepared you for your victory in your future."**

**By Definition, RELENTLESS means—persistent, determined to do something, refusing to give up even if unpleasant, constant, unyielding**

Tim Grover, a personal trainer that trained Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, Dwayne Wade, Charles Barkley and others, said this about being Relentless. **"In sports being relentless describes the most intense competitors and achievers imaginable, those who stop at nothing to get to the end result."**

Tim Grover said, **"Success isn't the same as talent. The world is full of talented people who never succeed at anything. Talent is never enough. If you want to be truly successful, you can't be content with pretty good."**

### **1. Push Yourself Harder When Everyone Else Has Had Enough.**

Romans 8:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

### **2. Be Comfortable With Being Uncomfortable.**

Proverbs 12:24 (MSG) – The lazy are oppressed by work.

Proverbs 12:27 (MSG) – A lazy life is an empty life.

### **3. Know Exactly Who You Are.**

Psalms 139:16 (NLT)

You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

### **4. Don't Be Intimidated By Pressure.**

James 1:2-4 (MSG)

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under **pressure**, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So, don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (MSG)

So, we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

## 5. Finish Well.

Hebrews 12:1

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

2 Timothy 4:7 (NLT)

I have finished the race and I have remained faithful.