

## **Built to Endure (Part 8) - Going Deeper Questions**

Sunday, August 9, 2026

**Question #1:** When you face difficult seasons, what is usually your first response? Do you tend to become discouraged, question God, or try to handle everything on your own? How would your perspective change if you viewed your trials as opportunities for God to refine your faith rather than punish you?

**Question #2:** Have you ever been caught off guard by hardship or criticism because of your faith? How can you better prepare your heart to remain faithful before the next trial comes instead of simply reacting when it does?

**Question #3:** During your hardest seasons, where have you seen God's presence, peace, or strength in ways you might not have experienced otherwise? How can you learn to depend more on His presence instead of waiting for your circumstances to change?

**Question #4:** Are there any consequences you are experiencing today that require repentance rather than endurance? What would it look like to honestly invite God to examine your heart and reveal any area that needs to change?

**Question #5:** What situation in your life is the hardest to place completely into God's hands? Is there an area where fear, worry, or the need to control the outcome has replaced trust? What would it look like to surrender that burden to God this week while continuing to faithfully do what He has called you to do?

**Question #6:** If someone watched your response to hardship over the past year, what would they learn about your faith? Would they see hope, perseverance, and trust in God's faithfulness, or would they see fear and discouragement? What one spiritual habit can you begin this week that will help you build endurance before the next trial comes?

### **Challenge:**

1. Begin each morning by praying through 1 Peter 4:19, intentionally placing your worries, struggles, and future into the hands of your faithful Creator.
2. Identify one area where you've been tempted to quit, compromise, or grow discouraged, and make the decision to continue doing good regardless of your circumstances.
3. Reach out to someone walking through a difficult season with a phone call, handwritten note, text message, or prayer. Be the reminder that God has not abandoned them and that He is faithful to carry them through every trial.