



## ***Persistent Faith***

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### **The Persistent Faith Process**

- **Persistent**
  - Passion** – Know God Loves me and demonstrate passion with action
  - Praise** – Give God the glory – regardless and relentlessly
  - Patience** – Persevere in the faith process

### **Key Definitions**

- **Passion:** any powerful or compelling emotion or feeling, as love or hate; a strong or extravagant fondness, enthusiasm, or desire for anything
- **Faith** is a practical expression of your confidence in God and in His Word
- **Persist:** refusing to give up or let go; never ceasing; continuing, especially in the face of opposition; continuing to exist or endure; constantly repeated
- **Patience:** quiet, steady perseverance; even-tempered care; diligence

### **Persistent Passion**

- **Review Your History and Have Passion with Action**

#### **Hebrews 12:1-3 (NKJ)**

1Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. 2Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- **Turn Up Your Passion**

#### **2 Timothy 1:11-13 (AMP)**

12And this is why I am suffering as I do. Still I am not ashamed, for I know (perceive, have knowledge of, and am acquainted with) Him Whom I have believed (adhered to and trusted in and relied on), and I am [positively] persuaded that He is able to guard and keep that which has been entrusted to me and which I have committed [to Him] until that day. 13Hold fast and follow the pattern of wholesome and sound teaching which you have heard from me, in [all] the faith and love which are [for us] in Christ Jesus.



## Persistent Praise

- **Praise**

To express an appreciation, a reverence, a respect, an awe of God with everything I've got on a level which transcends what I'm willing to give anyone else.

### **Acts 16:23-26 (KJV)**

23And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

### **Isaiah 43:21**

21the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise.

### **Psalms 103:1**

1Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

### **Psalms 34:1-3**

1 I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. 2 My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. 3 Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

### **Psalms 71:8**

8 My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long.

### **Psalms 9:1**

1 I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders.

### **Psalms 100**

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.



## Persistent Patience

- **Good to Great**

### **Colossians 1:10-12 (NIV)**

10And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

- **Persistent Patience Pays**

### **Hebrews 6:9-12**

10God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. 11We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. 12We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.