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Perseverance in our Assignment

Amen. Joshua and Taylor, thank you. That was really good.

Turn in your Bibles to Hebrews chapter 10. We're gonna look at verse 36. This morning we're talking about perseverance in our assignment, the need for it, why do we do it? How do we do it? Perseverance.

If you'd like to follow along with the teaching notes, those are available on the church website. You can look on the screens to follow the link to get that.

Alright, I'm gonna read this verse, and then we'll pray. Hebrews 10 verse 36, "You have need of endurance so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise." Let me read that again. I like that verse. "You have need of endurance so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. For yet a little while and He who is coming will come and not tarry." Verse 38, "Now the just shall live by faith, but anyone who draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. We are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." Holy Spirit, we love You, and we love Your Word. This morning, Lord, I ask that Christ would be exalted in this room in an increased way. I ask that Your presence would come, that You would manifest your presence among us, that we would find our delight entirely in You. Lord, that for even if it's just a moment, that the pressures, the stresses, the pains of this life would be put on pause as we gaze upon Your beauty in a fresh way, that You would walk among us, that You would send Your promises, and that You would make us a people of endurance and perseverance. In Jesus' name, amen.

Amen. This morning, I want to issue a call to the heart, to our heart and our heart as a people and as a spiritual family. And it's a call to perseverance. It's a call to endurance. The forerunner ministry, the day and night prayer call that our community operates under the call to be family, the call to see God's purposes unfold in our generation. We're told in Hebrews 10 that we need endurance to walk out this call faithfully before the Lord.

We're in a reset season right now. We're in the midst of this 21 day Daniel fast, and the purpose of this fast is to reset to the storyline, to remember the promises of God, both individually and corporately, and to believe God for those promises to actually activate and act upon the faith that we have on the inside that the promises of God are yes and amen. One of the ways that we activate upon that faith, it's like Peter getting out of the boat is by actually praying those promises and believing for them. The act of prayer and intercession in and of itself is an act of faith, because we're saying that, "God, You do hear us! You do long to release things that we cannot get, that we cannot access, we cannot have unless we ask You for them, and ask You for the release of them." And we're in the midst of this reset season, resetting our hearts, remembering the promises and resetting. And I believe that this morning, there are some that need to reset to the corporate call upon this people. There's a corporate call that this people has

carried for many many years, even before I was born. A corporate call, and when you join the family, you take up the family business. You become a part of that corporate call, and there are many challenges and pitfalls and glories and sufferings and breakthroughs that happen in light of that call when you join this specific spiritual family and the part that we're playing in the body of Christ. It's a glorious reality.

Last week we talked about the gifts and the charge that we would as individuals, that we would use our gifts and that we would bring them into the body so that every joint and every ligament would supply to the body what is needed in this house. It's a joint effort. It's the whole family rallied together. It's the whole army mobilized. God isn't just waiting on two or three people or this leader or that leader. He's looking at you, and He's saying, "You're apart of this, and My assignment on this people, IHOPKC and Forerunner Church, you're apart of this people. What part do you play? What gift do you bring?" And in light of that, as we bring our gifts, as we begin to engage with the prophetic history of this people, the storyline that we're on, and just Godly obedience, we need perseverance. We need endurance.

The grace of God flows to His people as we walk in the assignment that He's called us to. Wherever God has called you, there will be grace to walk in that assignment. Now, it might not look like you wanted. It might not sound like you wanted. It might not be as big and flashy and as exciting as you wanted, but if God called you to do it, He'll give you the grace to do it. God called you to the ministry, He called you to the marketplace, He called you to parenting, whatever He calls us to, there is a commensurate grace of the Holy Spirit that is released so that the people of God are never left without the power to walk in 100% obedience into the assignment that God has before them.

It's no different for us. You can, wherever God has called you, here in the microcosm of your own world, your own assignment, or in the greater scope of the corporate call of God, there is a commensurate grace of the Holy Spirit. But the grace of the Holy Spirit only flows when we're in alignment with that assignment that He has before us. When we get outside of the assignment, we get outside of the grace. When we get outside of the assignment, when we get out of perseverance, when we get out of endurance, the grace that flows to engage in that assignment begins to dry up. And it's not God angry at us and sticking us in spiritual time-out and putting us in a wilderness season. He's going, I want you to be connected into My purposes. I want you, like John 15, to be connected into the vine so that you abide in Me, because when you abide in Me and My purposes and My affections, there the grace of God flows into your life.

You know, your whole life can be completely falling apart, and yet you can have that oil of the Holy Spirit and the joy unspeakable on the inside. You read these stories of men and women that endured the holocaust, that were in the worst conditions, that were facing oppression and evil like we've never seen before, and yet their heart was alive in God. You read the Foxe's book of Martyrs, and men and women that were burned at the stake in the middle ages, and they're going to the, to the stake, and they're worshipping God. And there's one account of a guy. I can't remember who it is, but he goes up and there's the post that they're gonna tie him to, and he begins hugging the post and saying, "Oh, my cross, how I've longed for you." And the soldiers are looking at him like, "What? What? What are you talking about?"

There's a perseverance in the call that carries us through the difficulty and the opposition and the trouble that we endure. It carries us through. And there's a joy unspeakable. You can drink from a fountain that lies in the age to come even today. And so many times we get lost in the challenge of the assignment, the discouragement of the assignment, we're mistreated, it doesn't happen the way we want, we don't get the promotion that we want, our boss doesn't see the gifts that we have, right? And He goes, "I want you to persevere. I want you to endure."

There are so many things that are gonna happen on the inside of you when you endure, when you just don't quit, when you just put your head down and say, "By the grace of God, this is what You've called me to, God. This is where You've called my family. I moved from California or I moved from the other side of there to Kansas City to join this little spiritual family, and by the grace of God, You will meet me. I know this is what You called me to do, and I won't back down." Though heaven pass away, though earth pass away, though everything falls apart, you can't grow grass in your front yard because it's Missouri, without spending a fortune. Then you feel guilty about spending a fortune. You know? It's like, "Ah." Though everything in the natural doesn't seem to work and flow, if you're walking in the assignment that Christ has called you to, the grace of God can flow into your heart and sustain you.

Perseverance, what is it? It's gotta be one of the least appealing topics to ever talk about, by the way. You don't hear many messages on perseverance or conferences or youth camps where the theme is perseverance. No one wants to go. What do you expect? Imagine you're a teenager, and the camp that you're going to is "perseverance camp". You're like, what are we gonna like, rucksack the whole time. It's gonna be like 90 degrees. They're gonna feed us bread and water. What kind of camp is that? Perseverance, and yet it comes up all throughout the Scripture so many times. The call to endure, the call to be patient. We talked about last week, we touched on that word, "longsuffering." Read that in the Bible, you're like, "Endure all things and long suffer." it's like, "Great." We don't use that vernacular a lot, that terminology a lot, in today. If you take that word, divide it in half, you get two words, "long and suffer". Not very exciting.

You know, if you wrote an album, and you called it the perseverance album, how long would it be? Nobody wants to listen to that. The point is, is that, it's one of the most talked about subjects in Scripture, and it's one of the apostolic calls to the body of Christ, and we rarely touch on it, and yet it's one of the most needed things. We all need perseverance. Why? Everyone's life is challenging to some degree. Just so you know, the person out there with plenty of resources, a flowing heart, everything runs smoothly, no enemies, no resistance, no disappointment, that person does not exist. When God came to the earth, Jesus, He persevered through all trial and trouble and gave up His life on the cross. If the God-Man is called to perseverance, how much more weak, dumb, me, called to persevere? A lot.

Perseverance implies that there's gonna be trouble. It doesn't avoid it. Perseverance implies that there's going to be delay and difficulty. It actually expects there to be setback and discouragement. That's why we need it. What believer is there that doesn't face setback, discouragement, and disappointment at some point in their lives. And probably many of you are feeling that right now. It's likely that this week, your heart was touched by some measure of discouragement, mistreatment, setback, delay, and in your heart, you had to make a decision

because you had that, "Uhh..." moment. And the decision was, do I stay in the lane that I'm in? Hopefully that's the lane that God has called you to. Do I stay in that lane, and do I bare under the weight of this discouragement, or do I just look for the next best thing? Is this grass greener on the other side? We live in a whole generation where the grass always is perceived to be greener on the other side. And so, people are like just transient. They move here, then they go here, and then it's like, check this out, and oh, I got my feelings hurt, so I'm gonna go over there, and yikes, it was bad there. And then they're running, running, running, and then you begin to realize after a few years, "Oh, the whole world is like this." The whole world is disappointing. Because until that King comes down and rules from Mount Zion, we're in for a lot of disappointment in the natural. But it's okay. It's okay. We need perseverance, and we can overcome. There's good news involved.

The writer says in verse 36, he says, "You have need of perseverance. You have need of endurance," but it's the same exact idea. Now, this word he uses for endurance is made up of two parts. It means to be under and then to remain. To be under and to remain. What are we under and remaining under? Well, we're remaining under the will of God. Or you could say it like this, you're remaining under the call of God on your life. Wherever you are, wherever God has set you, that's where you're called to be. And he says, "You need endurance to remain under that call because it is a pressure cooker on your life." Wherever God has called you to be, that's the exact and only place the devil doesn't want you to be. The enemy knows if he can get you out of your calling, out of your assignment, if he could just get you a little bit off course, just a little bit, then he knows that his schemes, the schemes of the evil one will prevail over you. The grace of God will dry up. And the schemes of the devil will begin to assault you and touch in you in a way that they do not when we build our lives upon the Rock, upon Christ and His Kingdom, and upon the call that we bear as sons and daughters under Him.

So, to endure means to be under and then to remain there. But you're not stagnant. You're not stagnant. You're moving forward. You're bearing fruit. Character is being developed in your heart. You know, you only get character development by things being hard. When it's easy, character is not really developed. It's why one of the most terrifying prayers that you can ever pray, I dare you to pray it. God, make me patient. If you pray that, and God answers you, you will have the most annoying things happen in your life. For real. I'm driving down the road one time. I just remembered this story. I'm driving down the road one time, in my car, and I'm praying that, just sincerity, and I probably had heard a message about the danger of praying "be patient." I'm like praying patience, "God, make me patience." My tire blows out as I'm driving it. Great. "Well, there's the answer to your prayer, Isaac. Now you get to actually grow the fruit of patience in your life."

The writer tells us that after you have done the will of God, after you have done the will of God, the promise comes. But only after. There's an unwritten kind of rule throughout the universe, and it's that to the victor goes the spoils.. To the one that overcomes, they get the crown. You don't conquer in this life. You don't draw back, rather, you don't shrink back in fear and shame and get the crown of victory. That's not how it works. This is not YMCA in real life where everybody just gets a trophy. You don't get a participation trophy in the Kingdom of God. You get eternal

life. You get access to Him. You get the indwelling Spirit. There are a lot of good things that you get, but to overcome, to endure, to persevere, to see the promises that He's talking about at the end of verse 36, it happens after you've done the will of God, not before.

The problem is is that we don't know how long after is. And He never tells us. He just says I just want you to do this, like Luke 18:1. They're like, "How do we pray?" And He's just like, "Well, I'm gonna teach you how to pray, and it's pray always, and don't lose heart. Just keep praying. That's the secret to prayer. Keep praying, and the don't give up. Just keep going." See, persevere... endure.

We do the will of God. It' our assignment in Him. Now, there's a two-fold assignment that we have in God. There's a twofold assignment. I mean, it's probably like 4-fold, but we've only got a limited amount of time. Two-fold. Number one is our outward assignment. If you're following the notes, I'm switching these from how it's written. Number one is the outward assignment. It's the part we play within the body of Christ. We see His Kingdom advanced. We see disciples made. We have our outward assignment as it pertains to a ministry or a business or a family or a marriage. These are our assignments. It's what's been entrusted to you. It's what God has given you to steward and look after and see the fruits of righteousness and Godliness grow in that. And often times, we become very fixated on our outward assignment. And we need to persevere in our outward assignment because it's good to not give up on marriages and families and businesses. It's good to not give up on those things, but there's also another portion of our assignment that we have to be very aware of. And it's this, the inner assignment of the heart. You have an inner assignment, and every believer shares the same assignment in this regard, and it's this, to love God with absolutely everything you are. We're on that assignment together. You might have a different assignment. You might be called to prison ministry, and your friend might be called to feed the poor. You might be called to the place of prayer or overseas missions, but we all share this same inner assignment, and I bet you, I bet you, at some point, the Lord so struck you, and marked you, and provoked you about this inner assignment. It's why you're sitting in this room this morning. I bet many of you share that. We share this common bond, this assignment for the internal reality. What is it? It's to be this. It's to be fascinated and romanced by Christ. To be absolutely fascinated and romanced by Christ. He goes, "You don't just need perseverance when you're on the mission field and laboring in the nations to see the Gospel go forth," he goes, "You need perseverance on the inside to not give up on this." Because you can walk, here's the trick, you can walk in your outward assignment for a really long time and not know that your inward assignment died a long time ago. As long as the outward assignment is going good, and there's more people excited, and more friends, and a little bit more money, and a little bit more promotion, and as long as the outward assignment is going well, we often neglect the most important assignment that we have, to be fascinated by the beauty of God and drink from the river of His pleasure on the inside.

We run danger, we run a dangerous thing where we are and with what we do. It's that you can have a name that you're alive, but you're actually dead on the inside. Because you can go through the motions, and you can pray the prayers, and you can do the fasts, and you can know the Bible, and you can memorize chapters, and you can be loud and fiery, and you can pray for every

person at the altar, but what are you doing with the inner assignment on your life? Have you walked in the will of God with endurance as it pertains to the inside?

Why do we need perseverance? Reason number one that we need perseverance is because when the Lord calls us into our assignments, wherever those may be, when He calls us into our assignments, He calls forth our very best. You know, He wants your best. He didn't hire you as a C-string member on His team. You're not the meet squad, you're not the bench player. You're not the add-on. You're not the water boy, the towel guy or whatever. No offense to those people out there, you know. He goes, "I didn't draft you in. I didn't adopt you into My family so that you would be second class." I didn't adopt you in and give you like, the title "adopted child". He goes, "I call you My child. You're fully Mine. And I'm fully yours." He goes, "I want to call the very best out of you to see My name made great through your assignment that you play. I want you to bring all that you have, all your mental capacity, all of your gifting, all of your spiritual strength, your heritage, all of it." And sometimes we go, "Oh, Lord, this is barely anything I have," just like the kid when Jesus fed the 5,000. He goes, "Perfect!" He'll take it and multiply it in ways that we cannot possibly imagine.

He goes, "I want your best." Are you giving your best to Him? Are you persevering enough to go, "All my capacity as a human being whom God created me to be," he goes, "I will give this in to making Your name great. I will apply all my effort in all diligence and all perseverance in all endurance. I'll give the very best of who I am.

Why does He call us to do this? Why do we need perseverance because of this? It's because our temptation will be to take all of our strengths and gifts and use them to make our life more comfortable. Use them to make our life better, use them to enrich ourselves. We'll spend the resources that God gives us and use the gifts that God gives us to our advantage for us. And He goes, "This is why you need perseverance. Because I want you to take all of those gifts, and I want you to persevere even when it costs you, even when you could use your strength, even when you could use your gift on something." He goes, "You have no idea how precious it is to me when you bring all of who you are before Me, week after week, month after month, when you're tired, when you're hungry, when you're weary, when you're discouraged. You keep coming again and again." He goes, "it moves my heart in such a deep way. You have no idea." He goes, "Actually, I want you to have an idea. I want you to be tapped into the river of My affection for you on the inside, that even your best is weak compared to Me, but I want it, and I value it, and I esteem it, and I treasure it." He goes, "I will release grace into your life, the riches of the knowledge of the glory of God, the beauty of God, the affections of God, the emotions of God." He goes, "When you bring your best into your assignment." I mean really give yourself to it, not half heartedly. You know, living without regrets. If today, you know, one guy said, "If today, you knew you were gonna die tomorrow, how would it affect your life in God tonight?" How would it affect your prayer life to know that your days were numbered? Would you persevere with that same tenacity not for one day but for 80 years? For 50 years, would you press into Me? Would you say yes to Me? Would you bring your best?

Number two, and I mentioned it earlier, we need perseverance in regards this because the grace of God flows like oil when we're walking in our assignment. It's glorious. There's so much

temptation to draw back. There's so much temptation to take a step back from what Christ has called us to do, or the spiritual family He's knit us to, the church ministry that He' knit us to. There's so much temptation over the years to draw back. You will not be without reasons to draw back. But listen to what the writer says in verse 38. We're still in Hebrews 10:38. He says if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. In other words, I feel like the Lord is saying to us that when we take a step back from our assignment, he goes, "I don't enjoy. We can't engage in the relationship like I want to with you. That grace, that oil that's there and sufficient, when you're walking in obedience before Me, you feel weak, you feel broken, you feel counted out, but you keep showing up, you keep saying yes, you keep loving, you keep serving, you keep praying." He goes, "It's in that place that my grace flows. And that, we have that delight in pleasure in our relationship together." He goes, "That's what I want."

Now, this word "draws back" that he uses here, this term, is almost like the term endurance that he used. Remember a minute ago when we talked about the word "endurance" how it means to be under and remain? The term "draws back" here means to be under but to draw inward, to retreat inward, to be under the call of God, but out of alignment with His will. Hello, Jonah. When you're outside the will of God and the grace of God, things start to dry up. Sailors start looking at you going, "We're gonna toss you overboard. You're looking heavy today, Jonah. We need to lighten this load."

The idea is that we're out of divine alignment with Him. He goes, "My soul cannot take pleasure in that. We can't enjoy the fellowship and relationship that we had. Because you're not under Me and under My call and walking with Me in agreement. He goes, "You're under, but you've retreated inwardly." He goes, "You've drawn inside." And it's translated we've drawn back. We've drawn back from Him.

Reason number three we need perseverance is because there's gonna be many reasons to quit. We talked about that. Many people quit because they had an ideal that God didn't meet. We came to Him on His terms. He would set us in a place and say, "Pray and fast for revival." And then we had in our minds when it was supposed to happen and what's supposed to happen, and who's gonna lead it - us. And so, many draw back from the call of God on their lives because it doesn't play out in the way that they want. It doesn't look like the way they want. I mean, Joseph's having dreams about his sun, you know the sun and the moon and the stars all bowing down to him, and he's like a young man. He's like, "This is awesome. My family's gonna serve me." He did not know what was gonna need to happen between that dream and all the years of imprisonment, mistreatment, being sold by your own brothers, being lied to, your own dad things you died. I mean, all these things that Joseph went through in order to rise into the promise of what God had for him. To stand as this messianic figure that would actually save the world, I mean literally, quite literally in that famine in that time.

There are gonna be many reasons to quit. One of the reasons that we quit or we get off track isn't because of the pressure, but it's actually because of good ideas and activities and excitement that people around us have. They end up accidentally talking us out of our calling. And the Lord goes, "No, I want you to persevere. I haven't called you to that. I've called them to that. Let Judy do Judy's role, let Jaine do Jaine's role, let Billy walk in his assignment, but don't get excited

about the next big thing. Don't jump on the bandwagon for the next big thing because it kind of stirs your emotion and someone's like excitedly talking about it." He goes, "Do what God has called you to do." You go, "I don't even remember." Go back. Look at what the Lord said. Follow Him. Persevere in your assignment.

Number four, number four reason we need perseverance is because the reputation of being on fire for Christ is easier than the reality. What I mean by that is this, the Lord has a unique call on us to be this wilderness people, forerunners, forerunner church. It's written on the side of the building. Whatever you write on the side of the building becomes the thing that the enemy will war against you for. If you put prayer out there, there's gonna be all manner of non-prayer distractions happening among those that say yes to that assignment. We'll be forerunner church. The enemy's like, "What about fiverunner church? First Baptist church, what about second Baptist, you know? Bethlehem church, what about Gilgal church, let's go." You know? There's always this magnetism trying to get us out of where Christ has called us, and there's many streams and ministries and many ways the body functions. Just be in the place that God has called you to be.

The reputation is easier than the reality. People say it all the time. You're still out there, you're still praying. IHOP, you're still going for it. You're still doing the bridegroom thing and preaching the beauty of Jesus. You know, we look at our schedules and you know, we're trying to get there, and we're trying to be faithful and we're trying to pray, we're like, "Yeah! We haven't quit. We're still after that forerunner thing. We're still after that day and night thing. We're still doing it." But see, the reputation is very different than the heart reality.

You have a name that you're alive, but you're dead. Revelation 3:1. Jesus rebukes the church. He goes, essentially, everybody thinks that you're awesome, but in your own heart, have you said yes to the assignment of knowing Me in a deep way, being fascinated by Me, being romanced by the Gospel? Does it touch you? Do you long for Christ? Do you long for Him?

I was reading this author one time and he basically said, "Look, close your eyes and think about Christ." He goes, "If you don't long for Him, something's off." He goes, "If you don't long for Him, make a list of all your sins, begin repenting, go back, do the first works, do the first things. Return. Revelation 2, return to the first Love." We're in this for Him. This is all about Him. We don't need a reputation of prayer. We need prayer lives. We don't need a reputation of being friends of the Bridegroom. We need to be friends of the Bridegroom. We don't need a reputation of being a forerunner ministry. We need to be a forerunner ministry. We need to do it, and to do it, you need perseverance because it's hard. It's all hard. All of it is hard. Every call, there is challenge, setback. There's all pressure, and the Lord goes "If you reach for Me, if you do your part," He goes, "I'm not gonna come down and do your part for you. I'm not gonna lead your friendship group, I'm not gonna disciples your neighbor, I'm not gonna raise your kids. I'm not gonna do your part for you, but I will release grace to you in perseverance to do what I've called you to do. But you gotta do it." You have to do it because the promises only come, verse 36, after the endurance. It only comes after we gain the victory. It comes after we endure for decades and decades and apply ourselves with all diligence, calling out our best. The Holy Spirit says,

"I'm gonna do this here. I'm gonna do this across the nations of the earth. My generation, this generation, I'm gonna call forth these ones that love Me in such a deep and powerful way."

Perseverance, how do we get it? How do we get it? Well, the easiest way to get perseverance is just not stop. Just don't. It's just not quitting. It's just, here's the trajectory I'm on. "Lord, this is what You've called me to do or given me a sense of. This is where I'm at right now. I'm in an internship. I'm serving in the marketplace. I'm in the ministry. Whatever it is. This is what you've called me to, so the best way, the easiest way to persevere is just don't quit doing that thing until He says, "Do this." And then go, "Oh, my assignment is changing. Okay. Now I'm gonna do this." but if He doesn't say that your assignment is changing, then don't change your assignment. Don't do it. Don't do it unless you have just a sense of peace and there's counsel and direction. Anyway, there's too much pastoral stuff to jump into there, but the point is this, stay steady. Stay steady. The Lord will bring the increase. Stay steady. Water, till, manicure the plants, do what God has called you to do. Stay steady.

I invite the worship team to come back out. I'm gonna end with this. Genesis 15:1. There we go. Someone likes Genesis 15:1. Genesis 15:1, Abraham has all of these promises from God. He has all these promises. He's gonna be the father of many nations, and you know, all this incredible stuff is gonna happen. He's on this incredible journey with the Lord. The Lord's gonna multiply his seed, stars in the heaven, sands on the seashore. You know some of the promises. And the Lord says to Abraham, "Hey Abraham, I have an assignment for you, but I want you to not forget your most important assignment, Genesis 15:1. I am your reward. I'm your reward." Forerunner Church, Christ is our reward. He is our reward. Him, Just Him. Him alone. If we get everything and don't get Him, we get nothing. If we get everything, everything goes good, the friendship groups grows, and the building looks prettier, and there's more kinda zip on things, but we don't get Him, what is the point? He says to Abraham. He says, "Abraham, your reward is not the promise. Your reward is Me. The promise is not the revival. The promise is not a march down Blue Ridge Road. That's not the ultimate reward. The reward is Him, a people flowing in love with Jesus on the inside weathering the storms, weathering the seasons, weathering the breakthrough, weathering the drought. The reward is Him. We can have Him on the inside. He goes, "I will release grace upon My people to love Me, to flow in the first commandment, to see My beauty, to gaze upon My beauty."

Beloved, I want these promises to happen over our city as much as the next guy, but I know the reward is not the promise. Some of you came here thinking that the reward was the promise, and you've wanted to give up. Some have taken a step back, actually, in their hearts, they've actually taken a step back. They said, "You know what? This happened, this happened, whatever the reason. There are lots of different reasons why we take a step back. Sometimes it's because we found the ultimate value in what we expected to happen, what we saw happening. It was the exciting event. It was the big meeting. It was the breakthrough. It was the this, it was the that, it was the whatever, and those are good promises, but that's not the ultimate reward. "Abraham, I am your exceedingly great reward. You get Me. If you get Me, you get everything."

Let's stand.