



BE AN  
OVERCOMER



... BUT DO YOU ALWAYS  
FEEL LIKE AN OVERCOMER?

“If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out,  
**how can you compete with horses?** If you stumble in safe  
country, **how will you manage** in the thickets by the Jordan?”

JEREMIAH 12:5

“We are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us.”

ROMANS 8:37

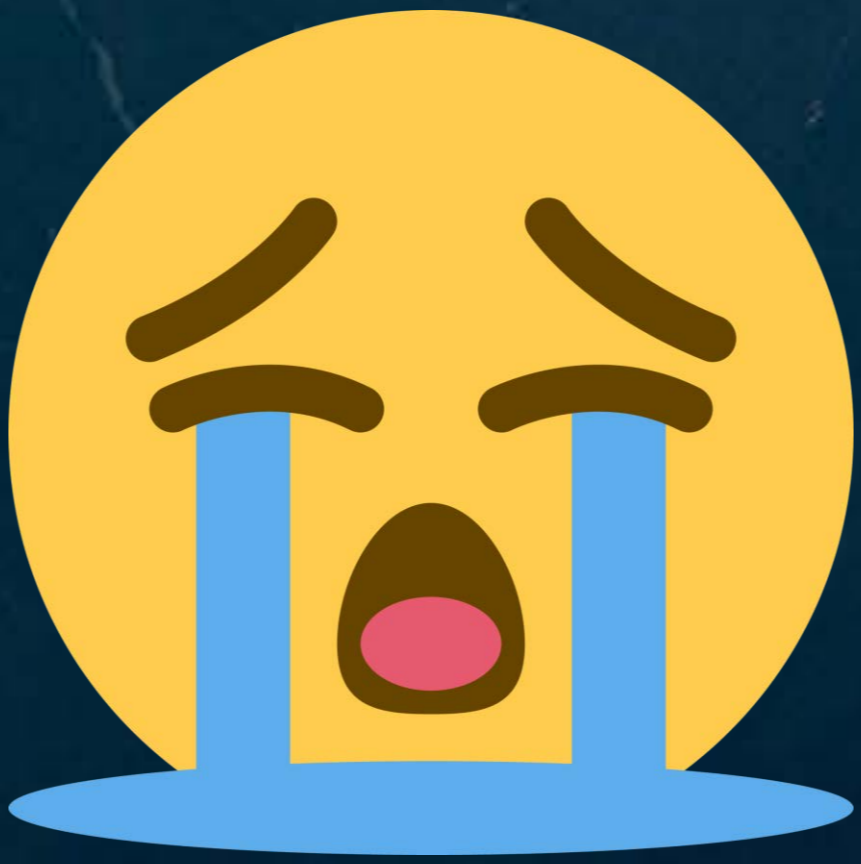
“...how much more will those who receive God’s  
abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness  
**reign in life** through the one man, Jesus Christ!”

ROMANS 5:17















**OVERCOME**

## WHY WE DON'T *FEEL* LIKE OVERCOMERS

- **PAIN:** *Physical, emotional, mental, sickness ...*
  - **PRESSURE:** *Stress, anxiety, worries, hardship ...*
  - **PESSIMISM:** *Hopelessness, malaise, depression ...*
  - **PERSECUTION:** *Opposition, enemies, hostility ...*
  - **PANIC:** *Fear, despair, distress, phobias ...*
- ... AND IT'S **PERPETUAL:** *Repeatedly falling despite trying*

**OVERCOMING**

**SUCCEEDING**

**STABILISING**

**SURVIVING**

**STRUGGLING**

A full moon is positioned behind a range of dark, silhouetted mountains against a twilight sky. The moon is bright and circular, partially obscured by the mountain peaks. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric.

# 7 KEYS FROM SCRIPTURE TO BEING AN OVERCOMER

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**GOD HAS PROMISED THAT WE WILL BE OVERCOMERS**

“For everyone who has been born of God **overcomes the world**.  
And this is the victory that has **overcome the world** — our faith.

Who is it that **overcomes the world** except the one  
who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?” **1 JOHN 5:4-5**

Through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit who gives life  
**has set you free** from the law of sin and death ...

If God is for us, who can be against us? **ROMANS 8:2, 31**



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**BUT ANOTHER THING WE ARE GUARANTEED IS ... TROUBLE**

In the world,  
you will have trouble...  
but in JESUS,  
you will have PEACE...

JOHN 16:33

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Paul and Barnabas strengthened the disciples  
and encouraged them to remain true to the faith.

**“We must go through many hardships** (*tribulations, troubles*)  
to enter the Kingdom of God,” they said. **ACTS 14:22**

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“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life  
in Christ Jesus **will be persecuted.**” 2 TIMOTHY 3:12

“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own.  
As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you  
out of the world. That is why the world hates you ...

If they persecuted me, **they will persecute you also.**” JOHN 15:18-20



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**HIS PROMISE IS NOT TO REMOVE OUR TROUBLES,  
BUT TO HELP US IN THE FACE OF OUR TROUBLES.**

**“Holy Father, protect them** by the power of Your name.” JOHN 17:11

“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand  
and says to you: Do not fear; **I will help you.**” ISAIAH 41:13

“Lord, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me!  
Many are saying of me, ‘God will not deliver him.’  
**But you, Lord, are a shield around me...**  
I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side.”  
PSALM 3:1-6

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## 2. *The PURPOSES of God*

**THINK ABOUT WHY YOU ARE GOING THROUGH  
WHAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH**

**For the joy set before Him** Jesus endured the Cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

HEBREWS 12:2-3

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2 Corinthians 6

**3 We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.**

4 Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way:  
in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses;

5 in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger;

6 in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

7 in truthful speech and in the power of God;  
with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left;

8 through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors;

9 known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed;

10 sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich;  
having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

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You intended to harm me, **but God intended it for good**  
to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

GENESIS 50:20

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### SUFFERING ISN'T ALWAYS BAD. IT CAN HELP US ...

ROMANS 5:3-5

... To mould our character

JAMES 1:2-4

... To make us fully mature

1 PETER 1:6-7

... To test and purify our faith

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

... To help us know Christ better

ROMANS 8:18

... To help us reveal Christ to others

GENESIS 50:20

... Because God is using you to help others

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

... Because it will help us to comfort others

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### **GOD IS WITH YOU!**

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them (evil spirits), **because the one who is in you** is greater than the one who is in the world. **1 JOHN 4:4**

**God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.** This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. **But perfect love drives out fear.**  
**1 JOHN 4:16-18**

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**WITH HIS PURPOSE COMES THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE**

Then Jesus came to them and said,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey  
everything I have commanded you.

**And lo, I am with you always,** to the very end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20

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### **THE POWER FOR MIRACLES**

You are the God who performs miracles;  
You display Your power among the peoples.

**PSALM 77:14**



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### **THE POWER TO ENDURE**

2 Corinthians 4

- 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that **this all-surpassing power is from God** and not from us.
- 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;
- 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.
- 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.
- 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may also be revealed in our mortal body.

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### **THE POWER TO OVERCOME OUR FALLEN NATURE**

**His divine power** has given us everything we need for a godly life ...  
He has given us His very great and precious promises,  
so that through them you may participate in the divine nature,  
having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

**2 PETER 1:3-4**

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### **THE POWER TO OVERCOME FEAR**

For God has not given us  
a spirit of fear and timidity,  
but of power, love and self-control.

**2 TIMOTHY 1:7**

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### NEHEMIAH 4

- 6 When Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry ... They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it.
- 10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the labourers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that **we cannot rebuild the wall.**"
- 11 Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and **put an end to the work.**"
- 12 Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, **they will attack us.**"

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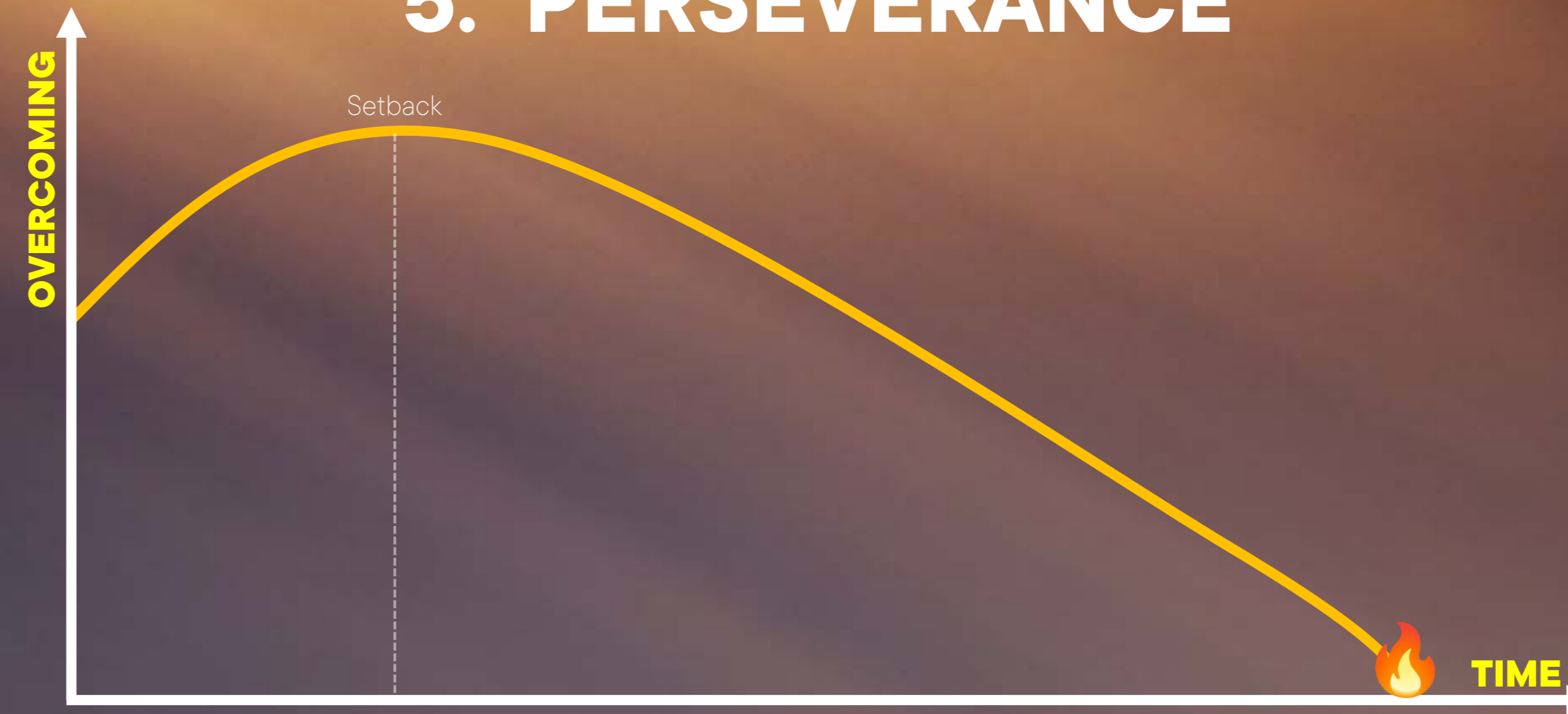
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- 9 But we prayed to our God and **posted a guard day and night** to meet this threat.
- 13 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them **by families, with their swords, spears and bows.**
- 14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “**Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families,** your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”
- 15 When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that **God had frustrated it,** we all returned to the wall, each to our own work.

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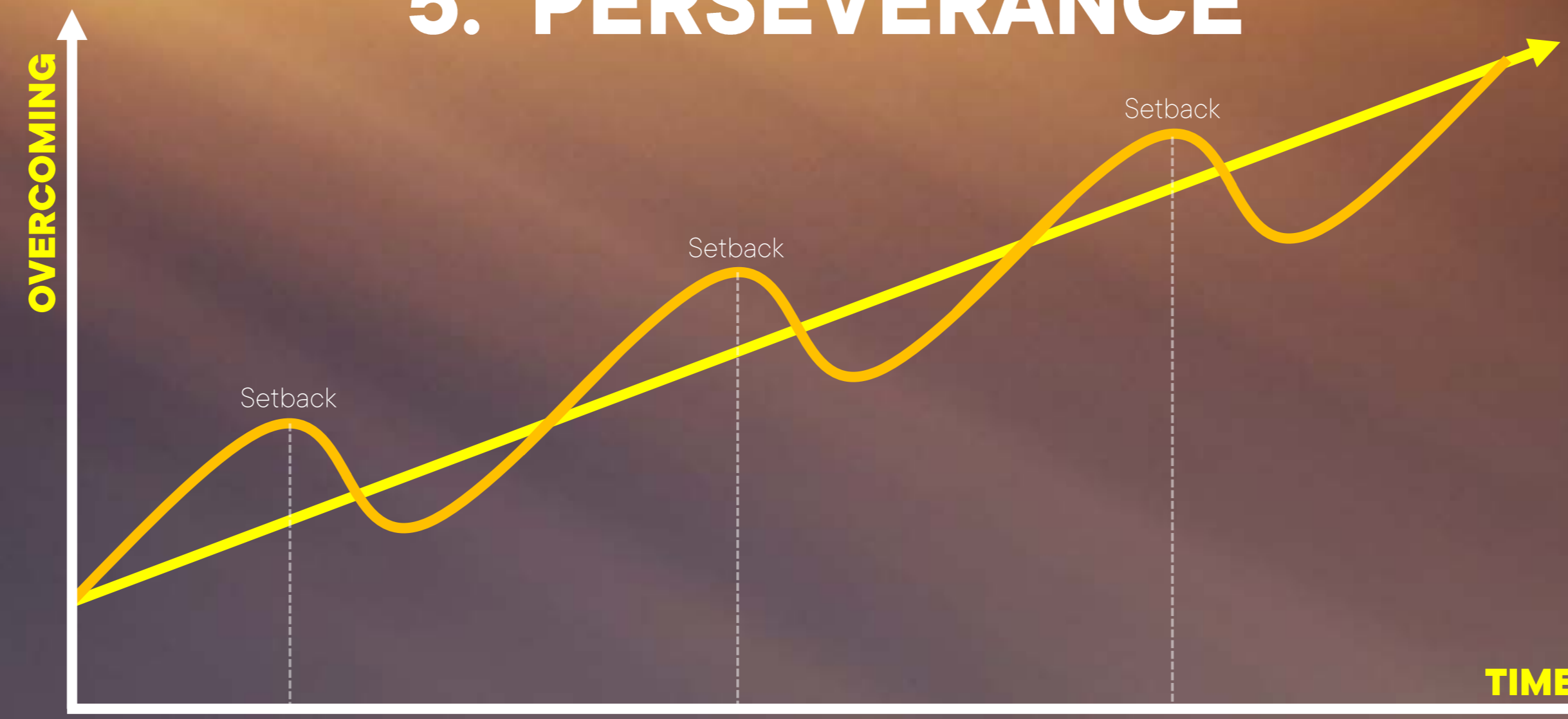
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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,  
whenever you face trials of many kinds, because  
you know that the testing of your faith **produces perseverance.**  
**Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be  
mature and complete,** not lacking anything.

JAMES 1:2-4



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Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that **suffering produces perseverance (endurance, patience), and perseverance produces character, and character produces hope**, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:3-5

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Therefore, 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, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **HEBREWS 12:1-2**

And **let us not grow weary** of doing good, **for in due season we will reap**, if we do not give up. **GALATIANS 6:9**

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Every BBTCian has been given **8 hongbao** and **1 bag for oranges**. Please make sure **AT LEAST ONE** is reserved for a pre-believing neighbour!

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A photograph of Pastor Derek Hong, an elderly man with grey hair, wearing a dark jacket over a patterned shirt. He is holding a microphone and speaking. The background is a white screen with a dark border at the top and bottom. To the left, there is a music stand with sheet music and a microphone on a stand.

**“Comfort never  
produces strength.  
Adversity  
produces strength.”**

PASTOR DEREK HONG  
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## **6.** *The **PRIZE** from God*

*2 Timothy 4*

- 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.
- 6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.
- 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.  
  
8 Now there is in store for me **the crown of righteousness,** which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

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Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive **the crown of life**, which God has promised to those who love him. **JAMES 1:12**

Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you **the crown of life**. **REVELATION 2:10**

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### “TO THE ONE WHO IS VICTORIOUS ...”

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REV 2:7 EPHESUS ... I will give the right to eat from the tree of life

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REV 2:11 SMYRNA ... I will give you life as your victor's crown

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REV 2:17 PERGAMUM ... I will give hidden manna + a white stone with a new name

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REV 2:26 THYATIRA ... I will give authority over the nations + the morning star

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REV 3:5 SARDIS ... I will never blot out their name from the book of life

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REV 3:12 PHILADELPHIA ... I will write on them the name of my God,  
the name of the city of my God, and my new name

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REV 3:21 LAODICEA ... I will give the right to sit with me on my throne



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**Sometimes the victory is granted in this (physical) lifetime.  
Healing, help, hope. When it is, we rejoice.**

**Sometimes it isn't. We don't always know why.  
But even when it isn't, we learn to rejoice.**

**We don't celebrate our suffering. But we celebrate the  
knowledge that the eternal prize we receive for standing firm  
in the faith far outweighs any blessing we may receive on earth.**

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### 2 CORINTHIANS 4

**16 Therefore we do not lose heart.** Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

**17 For our light and momentary troubles** are achieving for us **an eternal glory** that far outweighs them all.

**18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen,** since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



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Whatever you're going through,

1. Hold on to the **PROMISES** and **PURPOSES** of God
2. Turn to the **PRESENCE** and **POWER** of God
3. And **PERSEVERE** to receive the **PRIZE** from God

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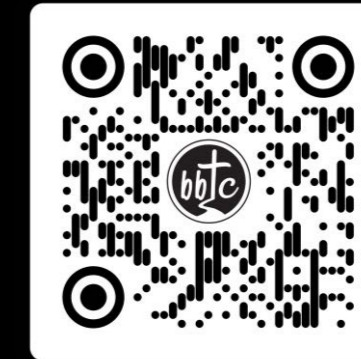


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