

The Liberty Loop

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Bootcamp and Athletic training have one major thing in common. They are designed to take the natural human instincts that humans have, and retrain them - to replace human instinct with trained instinct. So that when the soldier is faced with a situation where it would be human nature to run and hide - He instead defends his position and his mates.

The athlete too - retrains her body so that when she stands at the start gate of her great race, she will instinctively excel far beyond the human average, when the starters pistol is fired. Both of these examples are of individuals who choose willfully, to commit their lives to something greater than themselves - believing that the hard work and the sacrifice is worth it in the end. Perhaps that is why the apostle Paul, so many times compares the Christian life, to an athletic race - or a soldier carrying armor.

A great illustration goes like this: Once upon a time there were two frogs and they both fell into a cream pitcher. One was an optimistic soul; but the other took a gloomy view of life. "We shall drown, he cried, without more ado. So with a last despairing cry he flung up his legs and said good bye

Quoth the other frog with a merry grin "I can't get out, but I won't give in". I'll just swim around until my strength is spent then I will die the more content. Bravely he swam until it would seem that his struggles began to turn the cream. On top of the butter, at last he stopped And out the bowl he gaily hopped

What of the moral, Tis easily found: If you can't hop out, keep swimming around.

Persistence and Perseverance - the act of keep on keeping on. The writer of Hebrews gives us two things to persevere for in the Chapter twelve of his epistle. First, he encourages us to divest ourselves of everything that hinders us and secondly, he warns us to abandon the sin that so easily entangles us.

The picture he is drawing for us is one of an athlete that is hampered by weight of sin tied around his ankles, by obstacles in his way - temptations and spiritual roadblocks, by distractions and even incomplete training.

Instead, he tells us that if we want to run the Christian race with success, we need to (Verse 2) 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Why should we look to Jesus for our inspiration to persevere? Because in verse 3 the writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus endured much more spiritual opposition, endured earthly temptation, endured more hate, vitriol, aggression, persecution, humiliation than any of us gathered here this morning. And yet, he overcame it all.

Hebrews 12: 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

I want to leave you with the words of President Calvin Coolidge He said, Nothing in the world can take the place of perseverance and persistence. Talent will not - nothing is more common than unsuccessful individuals with talent. Genius will not - unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Perseverance and determination alone are omnipotent. If you're low on perseverance today - Take this time to rededicate yourself to the will of God and the Christian walk as he has called you to do.



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Upcoming Events: March

**Good Friday Service @Colton 6PM—

Youth Volunteers wanted

*April 15-16 “Affirmed” revival weekend

*April 30th—Jr. High Mission Trip

Parent/Leader Meeting 12:30 PM after church

May 5th Casting Crowns Concert—
Tickets are \$13.00. Bring Money for food.

May 7th—Senior High Mission Trip
Meeting for Parents following 1st Service.

May 20th—Junior High Girls Outing to Auglaize Village. Bring a picnic lunch and \$10.

* No Wednesday Night Youth in June.

Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2

Last Month's riddle
Answer: They were A
father, son, and
grandson.

Riddle:

What belongs to you,
but other people use
it more than you?

Volunteer Needed!!

We are in need of a male chaperone for our senior high mission trip. If you are interested in experiencing the ***most awesome adventure since Frodo and Sam went to Mordor***, call Pastor Mickey at the Church office or on her cell phone at 502-409-1482.

Safe Sanctuaries Reminders!

This is just a quick reminder for all volunteers of some basic safe sanctuary practices that we employ here at Liberty Chapel

Adult volunteer are to never be alone with a child. This includes during class times, during transportation, or any other occasion. Best practice is to have two adults (not related) present when working with youth or vulnerable adults at all times. When working with youth and children, always remain in view of other adults.

These practices serve two purposes. First it protects all of the youth and children who come to trust Liberty Chapel as a safe and welcoming place. Secondly, it protects our hardworking volunteers from being falsely accused of wrong doing.

Liberty Chapel is committed to the safety of our Children, Youth and Volunteers.

Mission Trip Medical Forms and Permission Slips are available on the table by the office door in the Welcome Center. If you have questions, email Pastor Mickey at mmlr22@gmail.com



Junior High Mission Trip Info:

There will be a Junior High Mission Trip Parent Meeting on April 30th right after the morning service, in the Fellowship Hall at Church. Mark your calendars to be there. We will be going over final details for both the Senior and Junior High mission excursions. Michael Perry from the Shepherd Community Center will be available to answer any questions.

April 9th—Easter Sunrise

Service—Arrive no later than 7:15 AM.

