

## **Sermon Notes**

### **I. Introduction**

- **Passages:** Acts 25; Galatians 6:9
- **Title:** Keep Fighting
- **Key Theme:** Perseverance in faith and obedience during trials.

### **II. Key Themes and Discussions**

#### **A. The Call to Persevere (Galatians 6:9)**

- **Encouragement to Endure:** “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.”
- **Human Weakness:** Life’s trials often lead to exhaustion, but perseverance is necessary for spiritual growth.

#### **B. Paul’s Imprisonment and Faithfulness (Acts 25)**

- **Two Years of Waiting:** Paul’s imprisonment in Caesarea serves as an example of enduring unjust circumstances while trusting God.
- **Faithful Witness:** Despite his confinement, Paul continued to speak about righteousness, self-control, and the coming judgment.

#### **C. Biblical Examples of Waiting**

- **Noah:** Built the ark for 120 years, trusting God’s promise (Genesis 6-9).
- **Abraham:** Waited 25 years for the promised son, Isaac, learning patience and trust (Genesis 12-21).
- **David:** Anointed as king but waited over 20 years to ascend to the throne, enduring trials from Saul (1 Samuel 16-2 Samuel 5).
- **Jesus:** Began His ministry at 30 after years of preparation and waiting.

#### **D. God’s Purpose in the Waiting**

- **Transformation Over Destination:** God uses waiting periods to refine character and deepen trust in Him.
- **Faithfulness in the Journey:** Believers are called to remain faithful in small and large tasks, trusting God’s timing.

#### **E. Encouragement for Believers**

- **God’s Sovereignty:** Even in trials, God is in control, working all things for His purposes (Romans 8:28).

- **The Eternal Perspective:** The struggles of this life are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come (Romans 8:18).

### **III. Conclusion**

- **Reflection:** Pastor Josh challenges the congregation to evaluate their response to life's trials. Are they persevering or growing weary?
- **Encouragement:** Trust God's promises, keep fighting the good fight, and look forward to the crown of righteousness awaiting all who remain faithful (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

### **Scriptural References**

- Acts 25
- Galatians 6:9
- Genesis 6-9, 12-21
- 1 Samuel 16-2 Samuel 5
- Romans 8:18, 28
- 2 Timothy 4:6-8