



I CAN CONFIDENTLY EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS IF...

1. I recognize that _____.

Others trusted God and were tortured, preferring to die rather than turn from God and be free. They placed their hope in the resurrection to a better life. ³⁶ Some were mocked, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in dungeons. ³⁷ Some died by stoning, and some were sawed in half; others were killed with the sword. Some went about in skins of sheep and goats, hungry and oppressed and mistreated. ³⁸ They were too good for this world. They wandered over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.” ³⁹ All of these people we have mentioned received God's approval because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. **Hebrews 11:35-39** (NLT)

God was at work in all this, fulfilling what He had predicted through all the prophets—that the Anointed One would suffer... **Acts 3:18** (VOICE)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. **1 Peter 4:12-13** (NIV)

2. I realize that _____.

And all these, though commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised—because God had provided something better for us, so that only with us would they reach perfection.... **Hebrews 11:39-40** (TLV)

So since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before...
Hebrews 12:1a (VOICE)

Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.
1 Corinthians 10:13 (TEV)

3. I refuse _____.

So since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before, an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us and slackens our pace, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us... **Hebrews 12:1** (VOICE)

“Now my heart is troubled—what shall I say? Shall I say, ‘Father, do not let this hour come upon me’? But that is why I came—so that I might go through this hour of suffering. ²⁸ Father, bring glory to your name!” **John 12:27** (TEV)

Patient endurance is what you need now, so you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.” **Hebrews 10:36** (NLT)

4. I relentlessly _____.

We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith’s perfection... **Hebrews 12:2a** (TPT)

He put up with attacks from sinners. So think about him. Then you won’t get tired. You won’t lose hope! **Hebrews 11:3** (NIRV)

For it is Christ’s love that fuels our passion and motivates us, because we are absolutely convinced that he has given his life for all of us. This means all died with him, ¹⁵ so that those who live should no longer live self-absorbed lives but lives that are poured out for him—the one who died for us and now lives again. **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** (TPT)

5. I remind myself _____.

▪ The present payoff in the _____.

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons.... ¹⁰ Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.” **Hebrews 12:7-11** (NIV)

- Suffering can make me more like _____.
- Suffering can teach me to live _____.
- Suffering can bring me _____.

▪ The pay off in the _____.

...His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God! **Hebrews 12:2b** (TPT)

This small and temporary trouble we suffer will bring us a tremendous and eternal glory, much greater than the trouble. ¹⁸ For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever. **2 Corinthians 4:17-18** (GNB)