

## WHAT IS PERSEVERANCE?

- BOUNCING ALONG WITH A SMILE ON YOUR FACE WHATEVER TRIALS AND DIFFICULTIES YOU ARE FACING?
- KEEPING GOING TILL YOU DROP?
- TWO MAIN WORD GROUPS
  - WHAT YOU DO - STAY BEHIND, STAY STEADFAST, COMMITTED
  - WHAT YOU ARE - LONG-PASSIONED, LONG SUFFERING, PATIENT

WITHOUT ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING

## WHAT DO WE HAVE TO PERSEVERE THROUGH?

- THE WAR WITH OUR FLESH I PET. 4:1
- THE WAR WITH THE ENEMY I PET. 5:8-9
- DISCIPLINE HEB. 12:7
- TESTING OF OUR FAITH JAMES 1:2-5
- DELAYED FULFILMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES ROM. 4:20; HEB. 11:13-16, 24-27
- FALSE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH REV. 2:2-4
- PERSECUTION AND OPPOSITION HEB. 10:32-34; 2 TIM. 2:8-12
- REJECTION AND BETRAYAL HEB. 12:3

## HOW DOES PERSECUTION START?

1. **MOCKERY OF BELIEFS**
2. **THEN RIDICULE OF THOSE HOLDING THEM**
3. **THEN ATTACKS ON THOSE BELIEFS**
4. **THEN SEGREGATION OF IDEAS AND PUSHING THE 'NON STANDARD' BELIEFS TO THE MARGINS**
5. **THEN EXCLUSION OF THOSE HOLDING THOSE BELIEFS FROM PLACES OF INFLUENCE, E.G. TEACHERS, GOVERNMENT**
6. **THEN SEGREGATION OF ALL THOSE HOLDING THOSE BELIEFS**
7. **THEN BANNING OF THOSE BELIEFS**
8. **FINALLY, PERSECUTION**

## HOW DO YOU DEVELOP PERSEVERANCE?

- FOCUS ON THE ETERNAL HEB. 12:2; JAMES 1:12; 1 PET. 5:10
- YIELDED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT 1 PET. 4:14
- DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE - SELF-CONTROL. DISCIPLINE 2 PET. 1:5-8
- MEDITATE ON THE SCRIPTURES PSA. 1; DAN. 9:2
- EXAMPLES OF THE LORD JESUS, DAVID AND DANIEL
  - LIFETIME OF TRUST
  - LIFETIME OF PRAYER

PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!