

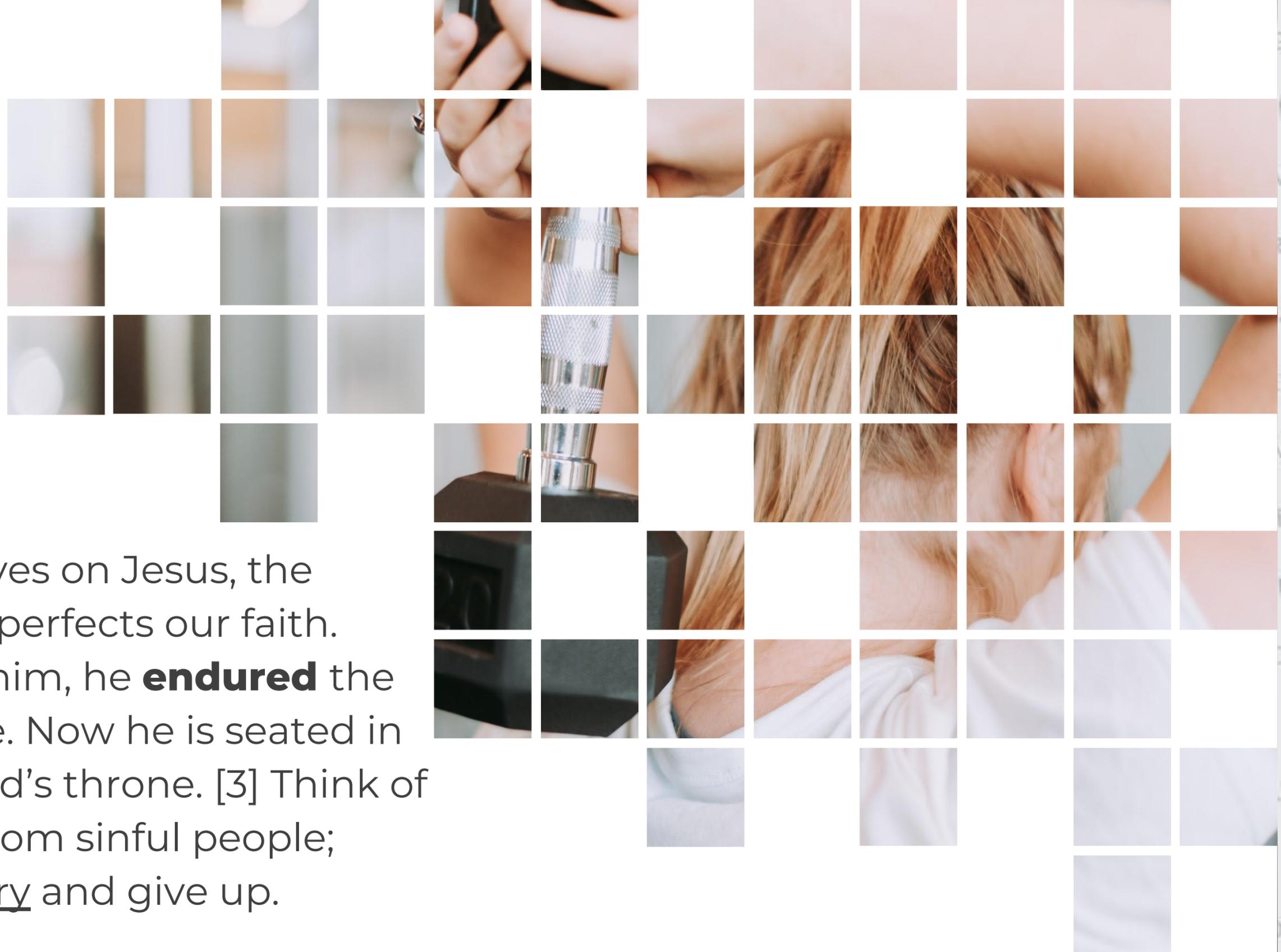


Perseverance

The Strength to Get Through Anything

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We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he **endured** the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. [3] Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Hebrews 12:2-3 NLT



What is Perseverance?

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Perseverance is the continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, discouragement or opposition. To persevere is to persist and not give up.



How do we persevere?

Jesus had vision and focused on God and the final outcome of his sacrifice instead of focusing on his pain.



It's all a matter of perspective

We make excuses when we quit and usually feel justified in doing so.



Who is someone successful that you look up to?

Everyone feels like quitting sometimes. The people you look up to and have heard about are the ones who didn't quit.

Thomas Edison

Inventor

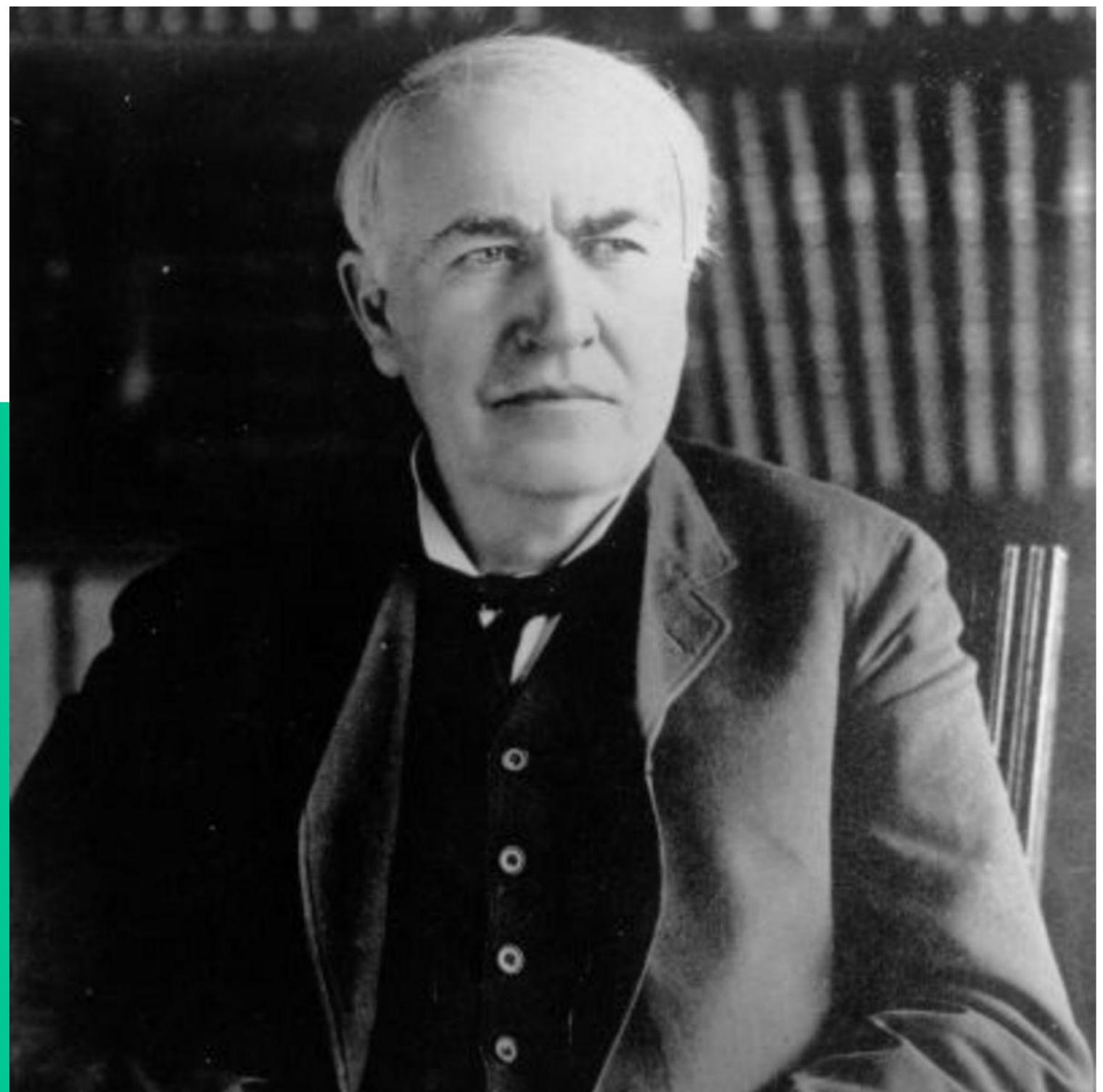


“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.”

“Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.”

“Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”



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Bigger Than You

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It always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres. [8] Love never fails.

-1 Corinthians 13:7-8 NIV

★ Love Never Quits

God helps us love and gives us a reason bigger than us so we can push through anything. Our own motivation isn't enough, we need to love someone else more.

★ What's Your Motive?

Why do you want to change and not quit? Why do you think it's important to have a reason to push through?

★ Are you a Quitter?

Is there a certain time in your life that you wanted to give up but persevered? How about a time when you quit? What were your reasons for both?

Never Give Up

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Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always **pray and not give up.**

-Luke 18:1 NIV

I spill out my heart to you and tell you all my troubles.
[3] For when I was **desperate, overwhelmed,** and about to give up, you were the only one there to help. You gave me a way of escape from the hidden traps of my enemies.

-Psalm 142:2-3 TPT

★ **Persevere in Prayer**

Many people just pray through something one time and quit when it doesn't get answered. Jesus understood this and encouraged us to keep praying.

★ **Honest in The Struggle**

Praying and crying out to God about your feelings and when you want to quit is when you can see God gives you a reason to keep going!

★ **What is an area of your life that you want to quit in? Why?**

How do your prayers need to change in order to overcome it?

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Decision

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Talk it through

How can God help you persevere and not quit?

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“Age wrinkles the body.
Quitting wrinkles the
soul.”

- Douglas MacArthur



Take action

What are you going to change with God in order to develop perseverance?

Next steps

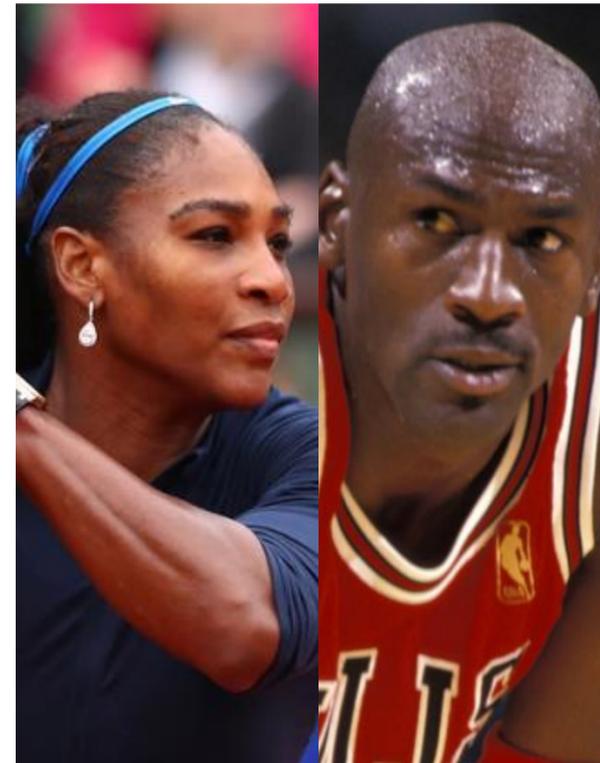
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These follow up actions will help you put into practice the decisions you made, and allow God to start shaping your character.



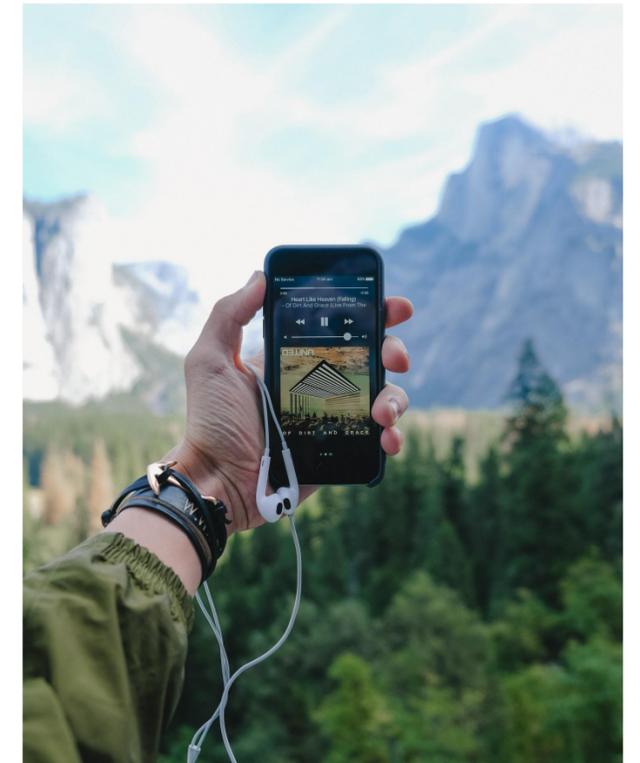
Read together

Jacob's Story: - Genesis 27-33, Book of Esther - how do Jacob and Esther persevere through obstacles? Talk with a friend about what you learned



Watch together

[MJ - Failing](#)
[Serena Williams - Never Quit](#)



Do together

[Listen to Spotify Perseverance Playlist](#) with a friend and talk about which songs motivate you to want to persevere and why

Further study

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Genesis 32:22-32

NIV

2

Luke 18

TPT

3

Romans 5:1-5

TPT

4

Luke 8:11-15

TPT

5

1 Timothy 4:11-16

NIV