



## Group Discussion & Application

1. The first word or image that comes to my mind when I think of Christian perseverance is...
2. In recalling God's past faithfulness, what Bible stories come to mind that demonstrate His faithfulness to His people?  
What experiences from your own life evidence His faithfulness to you?
3. What are some of God's promises to His people today?
4. What are some of the consequences of sin?
5. Both gratitude for God and the fear of God are legitimate motivations for perseverance in the faith. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.
6. When emphasizing the importance of obedience in the Christian life, what other truths must be kept in mind to maintain proper Biblical balance?
7. To be separated unto God, Israel was to destroy the godless people around them. What does separation look like for the NT Christian?
8. In your own words, describe what it means to "*cling*" to the Lord.
9. How are the concepts of the *perseverance* of the saints and the *preservation* of the saints related? (cf. Jude 1:21, 24)  
Why is understanding this relationship important?
10. In addition to those suggested in the sermon, what are some more ways of developing greater perseverance in our Christian walk?
11. How can we help one another toward greater faithfulness to Christ?



## Personal Reflection & Response

1. In what area of your Christian walk is there a need for greater faithfulness?
2. Recognizing that faithfulness is empowered by God, what action do you need to take to develop greater faithfulness in this area of your life?
3. Keep a log of God's mercies to you this week. End each day by reviewing your log.



## Family Homework

1. Define *perseverance*. List some synonyms.
2. List some jobs/tasks/assignments that have required your perseverance.
3. What are some Bible stories that illustrate faithfulness to God?



# How to Keep the Faith

## Joshua 23:1-16

To remain faithful to the Lord we must...

**1** \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** \_\_\_\_\_ on God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**3** \_\_\_\_\_ sin's \_\_\_\_\_.

**4** Respond \_\_\_\_\_.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ God's \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_.

C. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord.