

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- February 16
"Endurance"

Starting a marathon is easy. Enduring to the end is another thing. That kind of resolve would be impressive if the person was in his/her twenties or thirties. But what if you are in your eighties? One such person was Moses who endured when he was in his eighties and beyond.

When God called Moses, he was 80 years of age. Call him "old" or "elderly" but he was resilient. He endured, despite the power of Pharaoh...despite the stubbornness of hundreds of thousands of Hebrews who grumbled and rebelled...despite the enthusiasm of those close to him...despite the numerous disappointments he personally encountered.

How did he do it? He focused on God. He fixed his eyes, heart and soul on God alone. He continually reminded himself that his sole purpose in life was to please God...obey God...glorify God...and to be faithful to Him at all cost. I think the Apostle Paul says it best: "...and having done everything...stand firm" (Ephesians 6:13).

Whatever it is you are facing, stand strong. Walk in quiet confidence. Be certain without being stubborn. Be firm without being unteachable. Endure without being discourteous. Be tough yet tender. Demonstrate strength in the battle. Here's God's admonition to you:

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength
of His might. Put on the full armor of God
so that you may be able to stand firm
against the plans of the devil. (Ephesians 6:10, 11)

Have a blessed week.
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