



## The Recipe of a Godly Life: Perseverance

June 20 & 21, 2026

Luke 9:51-62

### Opener:

When did you have to keep going at something long after you wanted to quit? Maybe a job, a project, a season of life? What kept you going?

### Go Deeper: *(Exploring the Bible)*

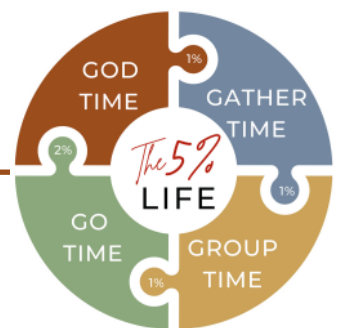
1. Read Hebrews 12:1. The race is "marked out for us," we don't design the course. How does it change things to know your hardest stretch is part of the race, not a wrong turn?
2. The "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 11) is full of people who failed: Abraham, Moses, Rahab, yet finished. What does that say about who God uses?
3. Jesus is called the "pioneer and perfecter" of our faith (v. 2). Why does it matter that He both starts and finishes our faith, rather than leaving the finishing to us?
4. In Luke 9:51, Jesus "set his face" toward Jerusalem. How does His refusal to turn back shape how we understand perseverance?

**Live It:** *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. Where in your life are you closest to "growing weary and losing heart" (v. 3) right now? What would it look like to bring that to Jesus this week?
2. Perseverance isn't gritting your teeth; it's fixing your eyes. What practically pulls your eyes off Jesus, and what helps you look back?
3. Is there a "weight" you've carried for years, a grudge, a worry, a habit that you could lay down, not to earn God's love, but because you already have it?
4. Who is in the "cloud of witnesses" for you? Someone whose quiet faithfulness still preaches to you? How could you thank God, or them, this week?



**GOD TIME:**



**Daily Bible Readings (June 21-27)**

Sun:	Isaiah 40:28-31	Strength renewed
Mon:	Romans 5:1-5	Suffering Produces Perseverance
Tues:	James 1:2-12	Testing Produces Endurance
Wed:	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Run to Win
Thurs:	Philippians 3:12-14	Press On
Fri:	Galatians 6:7-10	Don't Grow Weary
Sat:	Philippians 1:6	He Will Finish It