



# BUILDING AN ENDURING FAITH

May 24, 2020

The strength of our faith is not determined by how we respond to the victories and successes in life. Faith can only be made stronger through trials and hardships. To have an enduring, resilient faith means having a faith that is tested. What is true for individuals is also true for any church. An enduring church is a church that has been tested. Join us for a message exploring how God is using COVID-19 to stretch and strengthen the faith of His church.

## TEXT

Text the word UPDATE to 904-441-8650 to stay up to date on what's going on at Southside.

## GIVE

You can give online through [ssbc.org](http://ssbc.org), directly through your financial institution, or through the mail. Call the church office if you need more information.

## WATCH US LIVE

Join us LIVE! on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. on

- Facebook
- YouTube
- [ssbc.org](http://ssbc.org)

**Dial-A-Sermon** is a new resource we've made available. Just call 904-447-3021.

If you would like a CD of Sunday's message, please call the church office to request one.

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### Passage (READ):

1 Corinthians 3:10-16

### Principle (KNOW):

The only way to know if you have a faith that will \_\_\_\_\_ is to have a faith that is \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Practice (DO):

Take time to prayerfully answer the following questions:

1. Has COVID-19 revealed any weaknesses in the foundation of your faith?
2. How are the building materials of your life standing this current test?
3. What will you do in response to these revelations?
4. How will you use the rest of this unexpected pause to address any areas of weakness?

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### SUGGESTED READING LIST FOR "PAUSE":

*Center Church*, Tim Keller

*Built to Last*, Jim Collins

*Deep and Wide*, Andy Stanley

*The Emotionally Healthy Church*, Peter Scazzero

*Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Day by Day*, Peter Scazzero

### Other sermons you may want to check out at [ssbc.org](http://ssbc.org)

**Awakening (2015)**

**Built to Last (2015)**

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (WEEK OF MAY 24-30, 2020)

### **HANGOUT (Warming up to the topic)**

1. Do you have any lingering questions or thoughts related to this week's teaching or daily readings?
2. Would you be willing to fly in a new model airplane that had not been tested and approved by the FAA? Why or why not? How is having faith that has been tested similar or different? Why do we prefer to "fly" with an untested faith?

### **HEAR (Listening to God through scripture)**

3. Skim through the names listed in Hebrews 11.
  - What makes these particular people heroes of faith? What do they all have in common?
  - Read Hebrews 11:1 and 6. Is faith possible apart from doubt and uncertainty? Why or why not?
  - Read Hebrews 11: 32-40. How do you understand verses 39-40?
4. Read Hebrews 12:1-4.
  - Who are the "great cloud of witnesses," and why should they inspire us to run the race with endurance?
  - Whose faith is most inspiring to you? How has that person's faith been tested?
  - Read James 1:2-4. Based on Hebrews 11-12 and James 1:2-4, why should we not only expect but be joyful about trials?
5. Read Hebrews 12:26-29.
  - How do you understand these verses?
  - According to this passage, what good comes from earth-shattering experiences?
  - What has COVID-19 revealed to you about your own faith? Your family? Our church?

### **HUDDLE (Making it personal and praying together - in huddles)**

6. How is your faith currently being tested? What is that testing revealing about you? How would someone who is not you respond to that same test in his/her life? What would you tell him/her? Talk about it, invite accountability, and take time to pray.

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### **DAILY READING:**

**Monday:** Acts 3-4

**Thursday:** 1 Corinthians 1

**Saturday:** 1 Corinthians 3

**Tuesday:** Acts 5-6

**Friday:** 1 Corinthians 2

**Sunday:** Hebrews 11-12

**Wednesday:** Acts 7-8