

Today's Theme:

“Getting Back On The Field Again”

Returning To The Basics

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Series: "Hindsight: 2020 Part 2

“Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.” 1 Tim.6:12

Introduction

Victim Or Victor... Who Are YOU?

1. The Elijah Story Tells Us... Tough Times Will Leave A _____ On You- For Sure!

1 Kings 18-19

- **Physically**- He was _____!
- **Mentally**- He was _____!
- **Spiritually**- He was _____!
- **But**- The Lord met Elijah in his _____ state!

2. The Good News About Tough Times Is: They Make You _____ For The Future!

James 1:2-4; James 1:12

- There is good news in _____ times, really!
- Tough times test our _____ in Jesus!
- It produces a patience only this ___ could build!
- So your _____ more outwardly reflects Jesus.
- Or, bitterness & disappointment _____ a foothold.

The Principle here is:

Tough Times Make Or Break You- You _____!

What Do We Take From A Very Tough 2020 As We Get Back On The Field in 2021?

1. Use The _____ You've Gained To Get Healthier Physically & Emotionally In 2021!

- 1). We now know _____ has changed forever- find a way within your control to keep your body strong!
- 2). You need emotional _____ in your life- you need to do things that regularly refresh & encourage you!

BCCL Mission: “Engage Everyone To Find, Follow & Love Jesus!” Jn.14:21

2. We Each Personally Must Get Back To The _____ Of Following Jesus. Matt.6:33; Matt.6:34

- 1). **Returning Jesus**- to the _____ of your life!
- 2). **Making the Word Of God**- your _____ daily! Lam. 3:22-23
- 3). **Deciding that you will be**- a _____ Christian!
- 4). **Recover fm the deficit**-of _____ in your life.
 - Stop looking ahead for the end of the pandemic & return to _____ today! Mk.12:30-31
 - Be part of our weekly worship & _____ times.
Our online service attendee numbers dropped after 3rd mo. of the pandemic. Heb.10:24-25
 - Invest yourself into a Growth Group This Winter and Spring- loving _____ has another part to it!

- 5). **Will This be the year**- your friends hear the _____? Rom.10:17; 1 Thes.2:8