

*Examples of Steadfastness, Pt. 2  
Selected Scriptures*

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Grace Bible Church

*STEADFASTNESS IS POSSIBLE IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE BECAUSE GOD'S GRACE IS SUFFICIENT.*

*"QUESTION. HOW MAY WE KEEP OUR LOVE [FOR GOD] FROM GOING OUT? ANSWER. WATCH YOUR HEARTS EVERY DAY. TAKE NOTICE OF THE FIRST DECLININGS IN GRACE. OBSERVE YOURSELVES WHEN YOU BEGIN TO GROW DULL AND LISTLESS, AND USE ALL MEANS FOR QUICKENING. BE MUCH IN PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND HOLY CONFERENCE. WHEN THE FIRE IS GOING OUT YOU THROW ON FUEL: SO WHEN THE FLAME OF YOUR LOVE IS GOING OUT, MAKE USE OF ORDINANCES AND GOSPEL PROMISES, AS FUEL TO KEEP THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE BURNING."*

— THOMAS WATSON,  
ALL THINGS FOR GOOD.

1. **Joseph: He \_\_\_\_\_ When He Was \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 39)**

2. **Philemon: He \_\_\_\_\_ When He Was \_\_\_\_\_ -Against (Philemon)**

3. **Job: He \_\_\_\_\_ When He Was \_\_\_\_\_ (Job 2)**

*"GOD USES CHRONIC PAIN AND WEAKNESS, ALONG WITH OTHER AFFLICTIONS, AS HIS CHISEL FOR SCULPTING OUR LIVES. FELT WEAKNESS DEEPENS DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST FOR STRENGTH EACH DAY. THE WEAKER WE FEEL, THE HARDER WE LEAN. AND THE HARDER WE LEAN, THE STRONGER WE GROW SPIRITUALLY, EVEN WHILE OUR BODIES WASTE AWAY. TO LIVE WITH YOUR 'THORN' UNCOMPLAININGLY — THAT IS, SWEET, PATIENT, AND FREE IN HEART TO LOVE AND HELP OTHERS, EVEN THOUGH EVERY DAY YOU FEEL WEAK — IS TRUE SANCTIFICATION. IT IS TRUE HEALING FOR THE SPIRIT. IT IS A SUPREME VICTORY OF GRACE."*

— J. I. PACKER,  
HOT TUB RELIGION.

4. An Unnamed Father: He \_\_\_\_\_ When His Faith was \_\_\_\_\_ (Mk. 9:14-27)

*“THERE IS A LIMIT TO AFFLICTION. GOD SENDS IT AND GOD REMOVES IT. DO YOU SIGH, AND SAY 'WHEN WILL THE END BE?' REMEMBER THAT OUR GRIEFS WILL SURELY AND FINALLY END WHEN THIS POOR EARTHLY LIFE IS OVER. LET US QUIETLY WAIT, AND PATIENTLY ENDURE THE WILL OF THE LORD TILL HE COMETH. MEANWHILE, OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN TAKES AWAY THE ROD WHEN HIS DESIGN IN USING IT IS FULLY SERVED. WHEN HE HAS WHIPPED AWAY OUR FOLLY, THERE WILL BE NO MORE STROKES. OR, IF THE AFFLICTION IS SENT FOR TESTING US, THAT OUR GRACES MAY GLORIFY GOD, IT WILL END WHEN THE LORD HAS MADE US BEAR WITNESS TO HIS PRAISE. WE WOULD NOT WISH THE AFFLICTION TO DEPART TILL GOD HAS GOTTEN OUT OF US THE HONOUR WHICH WE CAN POSSIBLY YIELD HIM. THERE MAY TODAY BE 'A GREAT CALM.' WHO KNOWS HOW SOON THOSE RAGING BILLOWS WILL GIVE PLACE TO A SEA OF GLASS, AND THE SEA BIRDS SIT ON THE GENTLE WAVES? AFTER LONG TRIBULATION THE FLAIL IS HUNG UP, AND THE WHEAT RESTS IN THE GAMER. WE MAY, BEFORE MANY HOURS ARE PAST, BE JUST AS HAPPY AS NOW WE ARE SORROWFUL. IT IS NOT HARD FOR THE LORD TO TURN NIGHT INTO DAY. HE THAT SENDS THE CLOUDS CAN AS EASILY CLEAR THE SKIES. LET US BE OF GOOD CHEER. IT IS BETTER ON BEFORE. LET US SING HALLELUJAH BY ANTICIPATION.”*

— CHARLES H. SPURGEON,  
CHEQUE BOOK OF THE BANK OF  
FAITH.

5. Your Circumstances May Be \_\_\_\_\_, but They Are \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 10:13)

By the grace of God, one thing I can do this week in response to this sermon is: