Why We Must Endure to the End | Radio Interview

Dear friends,

What will become of our faith when following Christ costs us something we cannot bear to lose? Jesus warned His disciples that some would turn away, many would be deceived, and the love of many would grow cold. Then He said, “But he who endures to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13, NKJV). We do not earn salvation by enduring. We endure by clinging to the Savior who holds us. Here are five reasons we dare not fall asleep.

1. A lie can take you away from Christ. Jesus warned that false christs and false prophets would be persuasive enough to deceive, if possible, even the elect (Matthew 24:24). When someone promises relief, power, or secret knowledge, test what he says against Scripture. The question is not how convincing he sounds, but whether the Christ he offers is the Christ of the Bible.

2. You can grow cold without noticing. Jesus said that as lawlessness abounds, the love of many will grow cold (Matthew 24:12). It can start with a sin you stop confessing or a person you no longer pray for. What once grieved you becomes easy to excuse. Bring that very thing to Christ today, while your conscience still troubles you.

3. Fear can make silence seem like safety. Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul (Matthew 10:28, 32–33). When loyalty to Him may cost you a friendship, a job, or your safety, remember whose verdict will stand. Ask Him now for the courage to own His name when it costs you something.

4. Suffering can tempt you to give up. A long illness, a betrayal, or years of unanswered prayer can make it hard to believe there is any point in keeping on. Hebrews tells weary believers to look to Jesus, who endured the cross, so they will not lose heart (Hebrews 12:1–3). If all you can do today is come to Him again, do that.

5. You may not have the tomorrow you’re counting on. Jesus says to be ready because the Son of Man comes at an hour we do not expect (Matthew 24:42–44). If you are putting off repentance until life settles down, what makes you sure you’ll have that opportunity? Come to Christ now. There is mercy for the sinner who comes to Him (John 6:37).

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In Christ,
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