

**BE STEADFAST**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 15:58**

January 28, 2024

Grace Bible Church

*ENDURE IN FAITH AND MINISTRY BECAUSE OF THE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.*

*"EXISTENCE IN THIS FALLEN WORLD WILL NOT BE PAIN-FREE AND TROUBLE-FREE. THERE WILL BE GROANING BECAUSE OF OUR FINITUDE AND FALLENNESS, AND MANY AFFLICTIONS BECAUSE OF OUR CALLING (ROMANS 8:23; PSALM 34:19).*

*FRUSTRATION IS NORMAL, DISAPPOINTMENT IS NORMAL, SICKNESS IS NORMAL. CONFLICT, PERSECUTION, DANGER, STRESS—THEY ARE ALL NORMAL. THE MIND-SET THAT MOVES AWAY FROM THESE WILL MOVE AWAY FROM REALITY AND AWAY FROM CHRIST."*

— JOHN PIPER,  
THE ROOTS OF ENDURANCE.

**1. Be Steadfast**

**2. Be Steadfast in Christ's Work**

**3. Be Steadfast Because...**

*"DOCTOR TAYLOR COMFORTED HIMSELF WHEN HE WAS GOING TO THE STAKE, 'I HAVE BUT TWO STILES TO GO OVER, AND I SHALL BE AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE.' CHRISTIANS, YOU HAVE BUT A LITTLE WAY TO GO, A LITTLE MORE VIOLENCE, A FEW MORE TEARS TO SHED, A FEW MORE SABBATHS TO KEEP, AND THEN YOUR HOPES SHALL BE CROWNED WITH THE BEAUTIFUL SIGHT OF GOD."*

— THOMAS WATSON,  
HEAVEN TAKEN BY STORM.

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