



MESSAGE NOTES

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UNBROKEN, week 1

What are you facing today?

- *"Here on this earth you will have many trials and sorrows."*
- John 16:33

Everyone goes through adversity - it's how you handle it that makes the difference.

- "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it."
- Charles Swindol
- "Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records."
- William Arthur Ward

How do we handle adversity in such a way that it doesn't break us down?

- *"Rabbi... why was this man born blind? Was it because of his sins or his parents sins?"* - John 9:2
- *"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him."* - John 9:3

Our perspective is what determines if adversity will strengthen us or break us.

God uses adversity to bring about maturity.

- *Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.* - James 1:2-4
- God's goal for your life is full development.

What are you going through today?

It is our perspective that will allow us to live an unbroken life.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Matthew 25:31-26:13	MONDAY Matthew 26:14-46	TUESDAY Matthew 26:47-68
This Week ➔	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10
WEDNESDAY Matthew 26:69-27:14	THURSDAY Matthew 27:15-37	FRIDAY Matthew 27:38-66	SATURDAY Matthew 28:1-20
Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: JAMES 1:2-4			

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. For those who have seen the movie or read the book *Unbroken*, what kind of impact did it have on you? What emotions, if any, were stirred? Why do you think this story has received so much attention?

In what condition would you be emotionally if you had been forced to endure what Louis Zamperini went through?

2. When adversity strikes, our natural tendency is to try to understand – to gain perspective. READ John 9:1-3. What happens when we, like the disciples, draw the wrong conclusions about the adversity we are facing?

When has the wrong perspective caused you to react incorrectly to a situation? How can the proper perspective affect whether or not we become broken down or get stronger?

3. The main truth of this series is: it is our perspective that allows us to live an unbroken life. READ James 1:2-3. What perspective does James offer to help us avoid becoming broken down by adversity? What adversity are you currently facing?

READ James 1:4. How can the words of James give you hope to endure adversity? How could God be using the trials and adversity in your life to prepare you – that is, to make you complete and mature in Christ for the work He wants you to do?

4. Danny said, "Endurance is simply the ability to keep on going, even when it's hard. It's a major component of a mature person. Mature, complete people know how to press on."

What are some practical ways you can embrace the proper perspective this week to help you live an unbroken life?



Welcome to EMMANUEL CHURCH

Greenwood Campus
February 7 & 8, 2015

GUEST INFORMATION

Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering bucket. Thank you for being our guest!

As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in our offering. Instead we hope that you will receive our gift to you of a comfortable experience and a message that makes sense to you.

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

641

GREENWOOD

3,291

TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 3,932

Offering: \$82,033

January Attendance Averages: Banta - 740, Greenwood - 3,656

January Giving Average: \$69,343

\$81,000 per week fully funds our Greenwood and Banta campuses.