

WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH
WOMEN OF ENDURANCE
WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP
TERRI MCFADDIN SERIES #5-6

Scripture Focus: *For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise (Hebrews 10:36).*

Opening Statement: **There is one important characteristic that is common to all of the women who God calls to become trailblazers of the faith:** They are all blessed with great endurance. By this I mean they willingly face difficult obstacles and adversities, and never stopped pursuing the vision that the Lord places in their hearts. These women each have stories of failures and victories yet they have the grace to handle them both and then move on to the next adventure.

To endure simply means to *suffer but never surrender*. Hebrews 10:36 says: *For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise*. The scriptures tell us that we are able to endure “all things,” when we allow God’s power to become the source of our endurance. With each challenge that we overcome, we grow stronger in our faith and in the ability to endure. If we fail the test, the Lord will present another challenge until we learn to endure. God does this because He knows we have a great need for endurance. The Lord is a wonderful trainer and for this reason He created a few simple exercises to help us build our endurance. They are as follows:

What we are called to endure:

Hebrews 12:7 — Endure **chastening**

1 Corinthians 4:11 — Endure **persecution**

2 Timothy 2:3 — Endure **hardships**

2 Timothy 4:5 — Endure **afflictions**

Psalm 30:5 — Endure **weeping**

1 Peter 2:18 — Endure **pain**

1 Corinthians 9:12 — Endure **all things**

The Enduring Power of God:

Daniel 6:26 — His **dominion** *shall endure* to the end.

Psalm 100:5 — His **truth** *endures* to all generations.

Psalm 106:1 — His **mercy** *endures* forever.

Psalm 112:3 — His **righteousness** *endures* forever

Psalm 119:90 — Your **faithfulness** *endures* to all generations.

Psalm 136:1 — His **love** *endures* forever (41 times)

Psalm 52:1 — The **goodness** of God *endures* continually

Psalm 135:13 — His **name** *endures* forever

1 Peter 1:25 — His **Word** *endures* forever

Observations: The woman that endured racial barriers: (Matt. 15:21-28)

1. What was her attitude about reaching her goal?
2. What type of obstacles and embarrassment did she face?
3. What was the evidence of her endurance?
4. What was the reward for her endurance?
5. What is your testimony of endurance?

Interpretation:

Hebrews 10:36 states that we “need” **endurance**.

Hebrews 10:38 says that the just shall “live” by **faith**.

What connection do you see between *endurance* and *faith*?

Personalization: Each of us has experienced a difficult circumstance that we had to endure. What events did the Lord use to build your endurance?

Application: Think about what you have learned in this lesson about endurance. If you now see things differently, write a brief statement about how you plan to change your attitude concerning the things that you are called to endure in your personal life.