

PURPOSE AND PERSEVERANCE

PAUL'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO TIMOTHY

- Paul pointed to his life as a pattern **(2 Timothy 3:10 NKJV)**
 1. Purpose: something for which someone strives
 2. Perseverance: a continuous, steady belief or effort
- Paul's pattern is still viable today
 1. Purpose is not limited to a chosen few
 2. Perseverance is necessary - because life is not all downhill
 3. The good news: as a believer, you have access to both qualities

A PICTURE OF PURPOSE AND PERSEVERANCE

- Rizpah had a purpose **(2 Samuel 21:8-10 CSB)**
 1. Wanted to see her boys given a proper burial
 2. The boys were all she had left
- Rizpah had perseverance - a steady effort for five months
 1. She had to push past the difficulty
 2. She had to push past discouragement
 3. Her actions convicted a king **(2 Samuel 21:11-14 CSB)**

LIVING WITH PURPOSE AND PERSEVERANCE

- Clarify a bigger purpose for your life
 1. People are looking for purpose
 2. The purpose that impacts two realms **(Colossians 1:9-10 CSB)**
- To persevere push past discomfort and difficulty
 1. Things of true value are neither cheap nor easy
 2. Living for the Lord is neither easy nor cheap **(1 Corinthians 16:13-14)**
 3. He will enrich your life - not eliminate every problem
- To persevere hold onto hope
 1. Hope is the expectation of good
 2. Hope helps us keep a steady effort and belief **(1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 NKJV)**
 3. Our hope is in the person of Jesus Christ