



# I Declare

## Week 7: I will Persist Without Exception

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### OPENING QUESTION:

What is the most physically or mentally demanding thing you have ever done?

#### GROUPS VIDEO GUIDE

#### READ:

[Hebrews 12:1-13](#) and [James 1:1-18](#)

#### DISCUSS:

- What advice would you take away from these passages about enduring?
- Hebrews 12 mentions that we are surrounded by a great crowd of witnesses. That is referring to the heroes of the faith listed in chapter 11. Is there a biblical hero (other than Jesus) who personally inspires you to endure?
- In what area of your life do you feel called to persist without exception right now?
- How can we support each other as a group in our individual journeys of persistence?

#### PRAYER:

Take prayer requests for difficulties everyone in the group is facing. Pray for their endurance, faithfulness, and joy in the midst of it.

#### SCRIPTURES:

**Galatians 6:9**, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

**James 1:2–4**, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

**James 1:12**, “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”

**Romans 5:3-4**, “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.”

**2 Thessalonians 3:13**, “As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.”

**Hebrews 12:1**, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

**Matthew 10:22**, “But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

**Matthew 24:13**, “But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

**James 5:11**, “Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.”

**Revelation 2:10**, “Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

**Revelation 3:10**, “Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.”