

# 40: FAITH THAT ENDURES WHEN RESULTS DON'T SHOW

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***“And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.” — Luke 18:1***

There’s a stretch of trail where effort is real, but results don’t show. You do what you know is right—step by step—and nothing moves. No breakthrough. No clear progress. Just steady steps with little to show. This is where many men lose heart.

Not because the trail is wrong, but because the outcome doesn’t match the effort. Luke 18:1 speaks to that: keep praying and don’t lose heart. That’s easy to read, harder to live when nothing changes.

What's often unsaid is how wearing that stretch is. A man asks if it matters, if the effort's worth it. Over time, those questions drain more than the work ever did.

The drift is subtle. It appears in small ways—less consistency, focus, engagement. The edge dulls. Urgency fades. A man, once pressing forward, settles for maintenance over pursuit.

The trail doesn't always pay off right away. But what matters is staying the course when it's hardest. The man who keeps showing up, even when no results are visible, is growing a faith that isn't based on quick rewards but on perseverance. That is the heart of real progress.

## **APPLICATION**

Faithfulness in slow seasons requires a shift in what a man measures. Luke 18:1 doesn't promise results—it calls for persistence. Keep praying. Don't lose heart. The goal isn't instant change; it's steady dependence on God.

What doesn't get said is how quickly a man ties his drive to what he can see. When results show up, it feels worth it. When they don't, discipline starts to slip. He begins to question what he already knows is right, just because he can't see it working yet.

But faithfulness isn't built on results—it's built on conviction. A man has to settle that obedience matters, even when there's no visible return. That applies to prayer, time in the Word, leading his family, and walking with integrity. These are long-trail disciplines, not short-trip results.

On this long trail, another challenge arises: the payoff is usually further out than you expect. That's also where discouragement needs to be dealt with directly—not ignored or buried, but brought into the light with other men. The right men help a man see what he can't see on his own.

They remind him that staying faithful is building something, even if it's unseen. The trail doesn't waste effort—it builds endurance.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

This week, keep showing up where results feel absent. Pray consistently, even if nothing changes yet. Choose one area to stay faithful without measuring outcomes. Share it with another man for accountability. Don't lose heart. Faithfulness today is shaping strength for tomorrow. Stay on the trail. Keep moving forward steadily.

### ***PRAY THIS...***

***"Lord, help me to trust in Your faithfulness, not my results."***

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