



TALK IT OVER

Philadelphia

BOTTOM LINE

Endurance is not slow to move, but quick to stay on course.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What's the longest period of time you held the same job? What did you like about it/not like?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointeorg/daily
- 4.5 minute intro to [The Church at Philadelphia](#)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name... Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. Revelation 3:8, 10-12 NIV

...my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." Lamentations 3:20 b-24 NIV

"Clarity is maintained by patient endurance." – Dave VanDonge

TALK IT OVER

Discuss the difference between clarity and certainty. Which do you struggle with most? What does it mean to be willing to live with "dimes instead of brights"? The Philadelphians had both persecution and an unsettled life. How do those make endurance difficult? Which have you personally experienced and how has it affected your spirit? In what way does recognizing God as the center of life give strength? What word from God has He used to help you endure? How would you advise someone to access God's words in struggle? Do you know your mission? What about it helps you endure instead of giving up? Does reward figure into your endurance? How? Where do you need endurance now? Explain the difference between patient endurance and simply enduring.

ACTION STEP

I will patiently endure. I will focus on this area _____ by
