

SEPTEMBER 4

“THE ONLY WAY TO ENDURE TO THE END IS TO HAVE TRUE SALVATION.”

READ

Luke 8:11-15

Believers can become confused when we spend more time reading books about God than we do reading the Bible and talking to God. We can be so lazy that we neglect our souls. Luke tells us about some who believed for a while, but when tested, they failed, because their roots were not strong. When we walk with the Lord, our faith is constantly tested. Praying and reading the Bible are the only things that give us endurance for this race. The Bible warns us that even fellow “believers” can lead us astray. The only way for us to see clearly, and have the discernment to endure, is a firm foundation in Jesus. The Lord gives us our faith and His strength, but we have to respond in submission to Him. The only way to endure to the end is to have true salvation. You know that you are truly saved when you enjoy His Word and His presence, you minister to His people, you diligently obey His Word every day, even in the small things, and your life indicates a love for God, rather than the world. You walk the walk.

PRAY

Lord, may those watching see that I have true salvation; that I do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with my God. Amen.

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