

## **SURVIVE AND ADVANCE**

Part 1 of 1

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Text: 2 Corinthians 1:8b-10, and other miscellaneous texts relevant to the topic

**Big Idea: Flourishing post-pandemic will require adopting a “survive and advance” mentality.**

2 Corinthians 1:8b, “We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.”

2 Corinthians 1:9-10, “Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. <sup>10</sup>He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us.”

**Grow in respect to salvation.**

1 Peter 2:2, “Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may **grow in respect to salvation.**” {NASV}

**Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

2 Peter 3:18a, “**But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**” {NASV}

**Experience more of the good life God has for you.**

Proverbs 4:18, The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

**Have more of a desire to grow and progress in your love for others, and in personal holiness.**

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, “**And may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another,** and for all men, just as we also *do* for you; <sup>13</sup>so that He may **establish**

**your hearts unblamable in holiness** before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. {NASV}

**You want to more consistently be the kind of person where people think more of Jesus because of their acquaintance with you.**

**I BELIEVE THERE ARE THREE THINGS WE WILL NEED TO LEARN:**

**1. LEARN THAT EVERY HARD EXPERIENCE IN LIFE IS AN OPPORTUNITY IF WE WILL EMBRACE IT.**

Romans 8:28, “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

**2. LEARN TO GRIEVE OUR LOSSES.**

1 Peter 4:12, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you.”  
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1 Peter 1:6b, “for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.”

**It takes time.**

**It takes grace and vulnerability.**

**It takes more time!**

**3. LEARN THAT EVERY MOMENT MATTERS.**