



DGM Message Summary: Perspective(4/19/15)

Message Summary: In the message, Dr. Grier explains how to fix your thoughts on Jesus and endure in spite of life's struggles so you can overcome and God's promises can manifest in your life. The key to getting to the place God wants you to be is using all the tools in your spiritual arsenal and developing a kingdom mindset so you can run your race for Jesus. You are not exempt from hardships, but when you lean on the promises of God, you will view your situation from a different perspective and truly experience the goodness of God.

Key Points:

- Hebrews 12:1
 - At certain high points in our journey, God encourages those who came before us to watch what we're doing
 - If we're serious about winning, we're going to have to condition and trim down our weight
 - Everybody has it underneath, but not all of us condition ourselves to find it
 - Weight is distinct from sin; it mostly comes from being inactive
 - Weight slows us down, but sin trips us up; if you're serious about running this race for Jesus, you're going to have to tie your shoes, button up that blouse and zip up those pants until it's time
 - The running for God requires **endurance**; not 10 second sprint but 26 mile marathon
 - We don't choose our course; God does!
 - In order to win, you must focus on Jesus (the author and finisher of our faith), who's standing at the finished line
 - God has already placed everything we need for our race on the inside of us
 - In order for us to tap into our water supply, we must get dirty and dig a well (dig deep)
 - But many don't want to dig deep; settle for low-hanging fruit
 - So many give up the eternal for the temporary (LT stability for ST thrill)
 - Jesus is trying to rewire us to think like kingdom citizens; key word-endurance
 - The purpose of the cross was to deliver excruciating pain for the longest window of time possible
 - Sufferings are just for a moment; working in us in eternal ways

- You've got to face your Friday night (crucifixion) to reach your Sunday night (resurrection)
 - The only battle we have is the battle within ourselves
- ***Perspective is what we need!***
 - State of poverty in other countries
 - We are so ungrateful because we don't have a luxury car or spacious home
 - We take SO MUCH for granted!
 - Being a Christian means you love Christ, not that you're exempt from hardships, yet we feel so entitled to exemption from pain although it is a part of process
 - Love is the most powerful thing we can do, yet the most painful
 - We often ask, "How dare life make me prove I believe God is a healer, provider, way maker, etc?"
 - We can choose to endure or choose to quit; the choice on how far we go with God is ours; where we quit is the place we stop with God's plan
 - Walk long enough with God and you'll start saying "Thank you, Jesus!"
 - We must learn to listen to the God inside of us
 - God plans our lives wisely, so if he says, "Not now," that's what it is
 - Happiness vs. holiness; we have a choice
 - Our goal should be to be like Christ, and not just happy
 - Holiness will help us in the long run; happiness comes and goes
 - God is training us to look forward to the "afterwards"
 - Your trouble is just your changing, but push through to get to the other side and see the goodness of God