

THE POWER AND PAIN OF **PERSEVERANCE**

2 PETER 1:6



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INTRODUCTION



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May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(2 Peter 1:3-8)



PART 1

THE POWER AND PAIN OF PERSEVERANCE



The boulder and the mountain







Sisyphus, Odysseus and Aeneas—
the Greek pattern for “perseverance”

Titian, *Sisyphus*, 1549

From punishment to a virtue



Virtue in its various forms



Virtually the entire *Ethics* of Aristotle is
the worst enemy of grace.

(Martin Luther)

vs

Virtue is the product of habit

(Aristotle)

&

From punishment to a virtue

(Aquinas)



The fading of virtue ethics



Contemporary virtue ethics



A brief biblical theology of endurance



The perseverance of God



The perseverance of the Christ



The perseverance of the faithful



The Petrine chain or ladder



Ladders and chains in the New Testament



Context and consequence



Christian perseverance



The call to persevere



The practicalities of perseverance



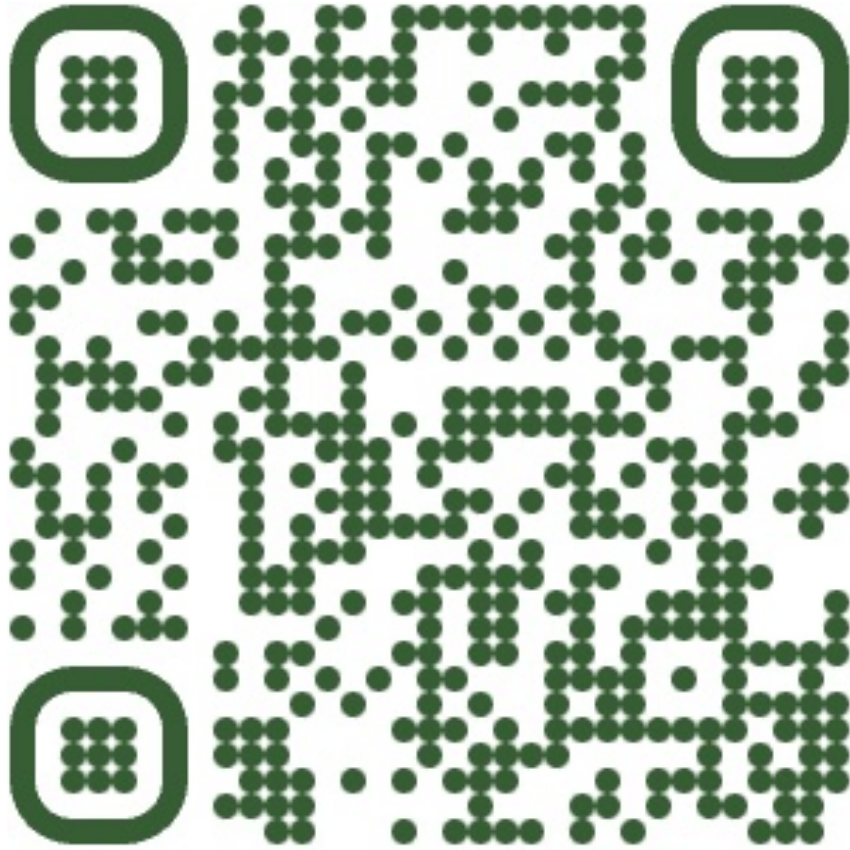
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DISCUSSING PRACTICALITIES



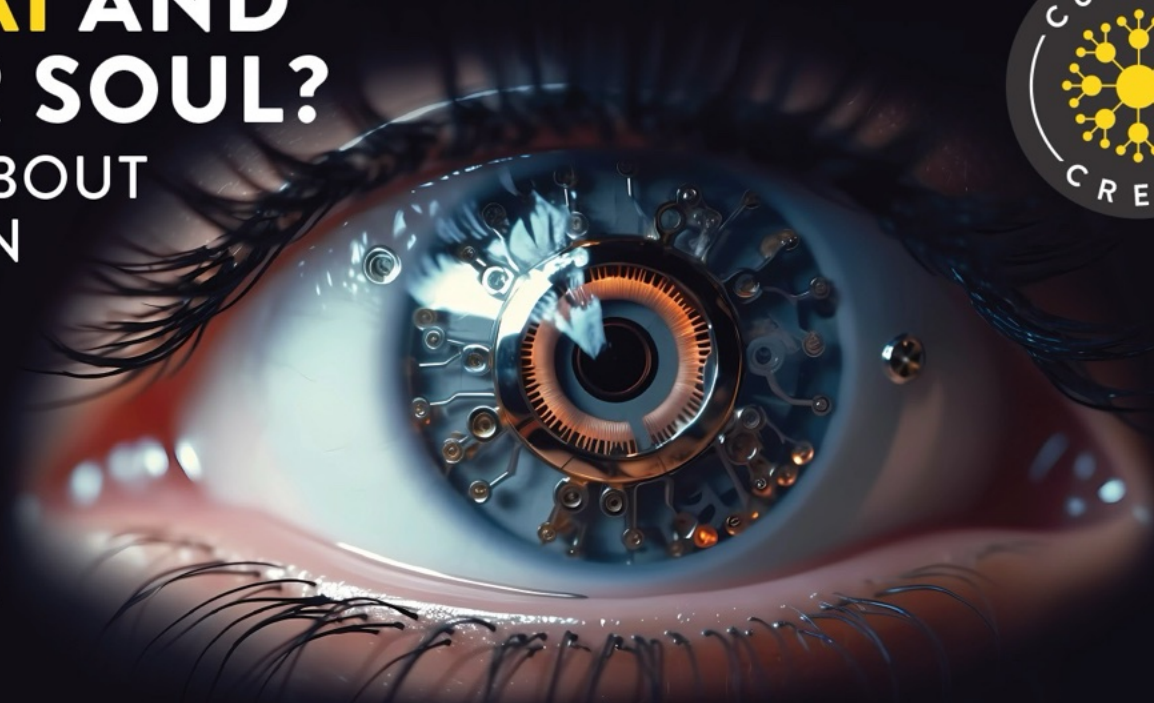


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THE KINGDOM
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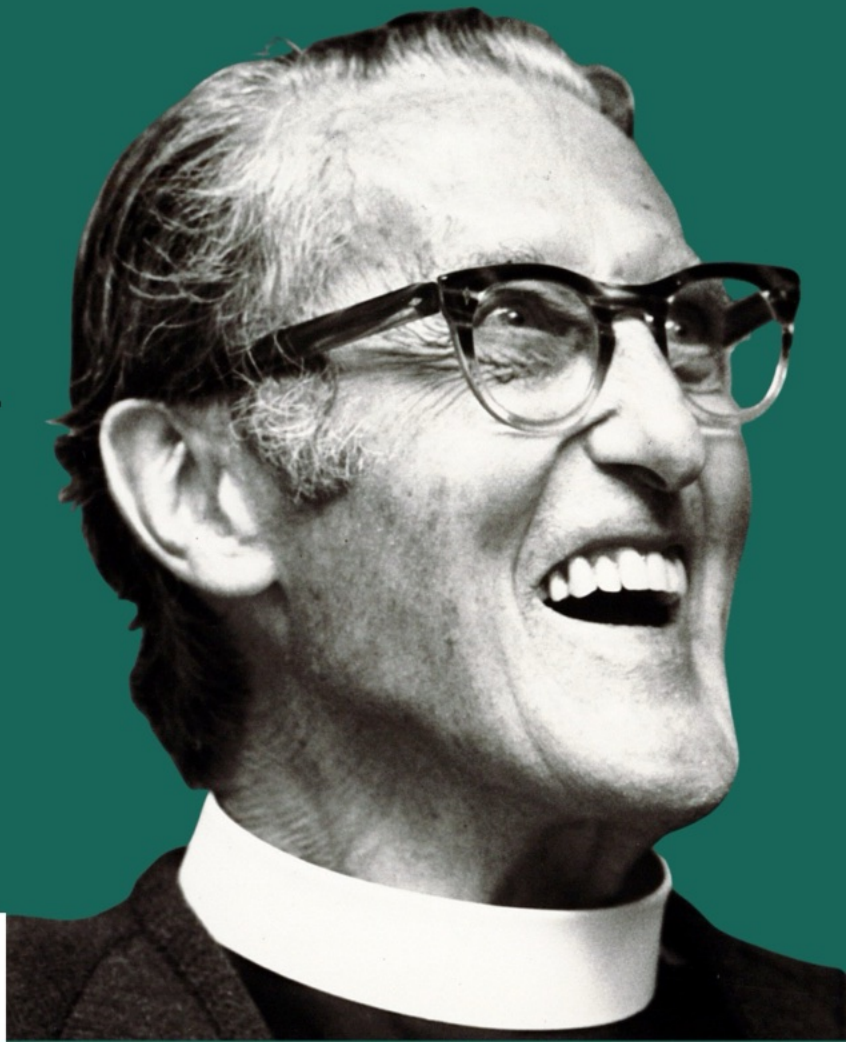


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Q&A



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