



Today's Message

I Am A Survivor

2 Cor. 4:17-18

I AM
SURVIVOR



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2025 Church Theme:

“Christians: Letting Go of the Past to Embrace the Present”
(Isaiah 43:18-19)

10:00 A.M. Order of Service

Devotion

First Baptist Church of Perris Deacons

Call to Worship - AffirmationClergy

Praise and Worship.....FBC Mass Choir

Responsive ReadingClergy

Announcements..... Pastor

Welcome of Guests & Two Minute Fellowship

Benevolent, Tithes & Offerings.....Ushers/Trustees

Selection.....FBC Mass Choir

Corporate Prayer.....Clergy

Selection.....FBC Mass Choir

Gospel Message.....Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

Invitation to Discipleship.....Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

Benediction.....Pastor-Teacher Rev. Terry L. Wells

Sermon Title: I am A Survivor

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (KJV)

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Good morning, FBC family! Today, you survived another week. "I am A Survivor." Every believer endures affliction—and yet, through God's grace, we survive and thrive.

I. Our Afflictions Are Light and Temporary

Application:

- o Walk in this truth daily. Know that affliction—whether health struggles, loss, or hardships—is limited and bearable by God's grace.
- o Practical Steps: Engage in constant prayer, offer your testimony, refuse to let sufferings define your identity; declare you are a survivor in Christ.

Transition: Church, what we have seen from this first point is clear: our afflictions, though real and painful, are light and momentary when weighed against God's eternal glory.

II. A Far More Exceeding and Eternal Weight of Glory

Application:

Knowing that our affliction produces such surpassing glory, rejoice and give thanks amid hardship, remind yourself daily that your suffering has eternal purpose, encourage one another with the promise of God's glory. Live with confidence, knowing your reward is beyond measure.

Transition: Church, understanding now that our afflictions produce for us a far greater and eternal weight of glory, we move forward with strength to fix our eyes not on what is seen but what is unseen.

III. Fixing Our Eyes on the Unseen, Not the Seen

Application:

Cultivate spiritual eyesight: Prioritize prayer, worship, and scripture study to see the unseen. Choose faith daily over sight; trust God's invisible hand. Encourage one another to lift eyes above present struggles. Declare "I see beyond the storm" and live with eternal hope.

Transition: Church, having fixed our eyes on the unseen, eternal promises of God, we are now empowered to survive all trials by faith, embracing the full gospel truth of hope and victory in Christ.

Conclusion

Church, remember this: you are a survivor because your strength comes from unseen places—your faith, your hope, and your trust in God. Our afflictions are light and temporary; God's glory is eternal and outweighs our sufferings; and by fixing our eyes on what is unseen, we endure and thrive. You are a survivor—standing strong today, tomorrow, and forever.

Call to Action Question:

Given that our afflictions are light in comparison to the eternal glory that awaits us, how will you actively shift your focus from the visible challenges to the unseen promises of God this week?

Challenge to Reflect On This Week:

Throughout this week, make a point to identify one specific moment each day where you can choose to focus on the unseen promises of God instead of the visible challenges. Write down these moments and reflect on how shifting your perspective affected your response to those situations.



First Baptist Church Members focus on reaping the benefits of God's Word, with the goal of cultivating spiritual fruit in our character, conduct, and actions that lead others to Christ. We aspire to be a beacon of positivity towards Jesus Christ, embracing our Church, Community, Co-Workers, City, and Country through the principles encapsulated in the acronym F.R.E.S.H. & V.A.L.U.E.

FRESH

- F – Forget the Past (Isaiah 43:18)
- R – Repent Immediately (1 John 1:9)
- E – Embrace Change (Isaiah 43:19)
- S – Study the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15)
- H – Happy Giver (2 Corinthians 9:6-9)

VALUE

- V – Vigilant of People Harmful Actions (3 John 9)
- A – Avoid Those Who Do Evil (3 John 10)
- L – Lead by Following What is Good (3 John 11)
- U – Unite by Supporting Those Who Act Righteously (3 John 11)
- E – Exemplify Good Behavior from Others (3 John 11)