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Christian church



# Endurance in the Faith

Part 1:  
“the stronghold of  
hope”



# Jacob the wrestler

- (Gen 32:24) And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.
- (Gen 32:25) When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.



# Jacob the wrestler

- (Gen 32:26) Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."
- (Gen 32:27) And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."
- (Gen 32:28) Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."



## We are called to “stand”

- (Eph 6:12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- (Eph 6:13) Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.



# Endure to the end

- (Mat 24:12) And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.
- (Mat 24:13) But the one who endures to the end will be saved.
- (Heb 12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,



# Complete the work

- (Php 1:6) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



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**At the time of David:**

Northern tribe: 1,1 Million warriors

Southern tribe 470 000 warrior

**Post Exile Israel:**

50 000 (remnant)



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## Zechariah speaks of Jesus

- (Zec 9:16) On that day the LORD their God will save them, as the flock of his people; for like the jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.



# Return to your stronghold of hope

- (Mat 11:28) Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- (Mat 11:29) Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
- (Mat 11:30) For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



To endure to the end, invest all  
your hope on the One who will  
ultimately be victorious