PERSEVERANCE



‘I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.’

Philippians 4.13



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As a school community we value and celebrate perseverance by encouraging one another to take one step at a time to achieve our goals. Sometimes we may feel discouraged, but we foster a culture that recognises that very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance.

What makes 'perseverance' a distinctively Christian value?

Perseverance is a significant Christian virtue, deeply rooted in the faith's teachings and narratives. It is often associated with steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. In a Christian context, perseverance is intertwined with faith and patience, reflecting a commitment to God's plan despite challenges or obstacles. This virtue is exemplified in numerous biblical stories, such as the perseverance of Joseph, who endured hardship and remained faithful to God's promises, ultimately rising to a position of power in Egypt. The New Testament also emphasises perseverance, particularly in the Epistle of James, where believers are encouraged to consider trials as joy because the testing of faith produces perseverance. This concept is further highlighted by modern Christian thought leaders who view perseverance as a way to honour God, deepen worship, and build character. It is seen not just as persistence, but as a spiritual discipline that refines an individual's character and faith through the trials of life.

Scripture

The story of Noah's Ark is a powerful narrative that has been passed down through generations, often highlighting the virtues of obedience and perseverance. Noah, the protagonist of the tale, is tasked with an immense challenge: to build an ark that would withstand a catastrophic flood. Despite the mockery and disbelief from those around him, Noah's unwavering commitment to his faith and the task at hand exemplifies perseverance. His story teaches that steadfastness in the face of adversity and dedication to one's convictions can lead to salvation and renewal. This ancient account, found in various traditions, serves as a reminder that perseverance is not just about enduring but also about maintaining integrity and purpose amidst life's trials.