



Grit:

- Passion & perseverance for long term & meaningful goals
- Determination, steadfastness & **mettle** (courage & fortitude)

GRIT keeps us in position to do anything & everything God asks.

Numbers 14:1-4 [NIV]

¹ That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. ² All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, “If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! ³ Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt?” ⁴ And they said to each other, “We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

Moments to choose grit are always **DEFINING** moments.

Joshua 1:6-9 [NIV]

⁶ Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them...⁷ Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Grit is not about how we **COPE**,
but how we **OVERCOME**.

Hebrews 10:23,35-36 [NLT]

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

³⁵ So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! ³⁶ Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God’s will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.

Where is a **LACK** of grit limiting God’s purpose?

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

- :: *What is one thing the Lord has been teaching, or reteaching, you through our “Grit” series?*
- :: *What have you started doing, or done differently, as a result?*
- :: *How have you seen God respond to that godly grit?*
- :: *Identify a defining moment in your life journey that required “proper position” and grit. What did you do? What was the outcome?*
- :: *Take a moment to review the Israelites journey “into” the Promised Land (i.e. Numbers 14, Joshua 1) What is most impactful for you about their experience?*
- :: *Pastor Shawn said, “Grit is not about how we cope, but how we overcome.”*
 - :: *How have you seen/experienced that in your life or someone else’s?*
 - :: *How does God empower us to do that? What is our part/role in it?*
- :: *Read Hebrews 10:23,35-36*
 - :: *What part of this passage stirs your heart/mind most? Why?*
 - :: *How might the Lord want to position you differently to pursue his promises as a result?*
- :: *Where is God inviting you to courageously step by faith for his purpose by embracing grit? Identify 1 thing you can do this week to live into that, & then do it!*

Galatians 6:9 [NIV]

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Unless otherwise noted, today’s Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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