

18 Perseverance

Once a decision is made, PNP members shall take legitimate means to achieve the goal even in the face of internal or external difficulties, and despite anything which might weaken their resolve in the course of time.

Reflection

Can we share our story about a time when we encountered difficult circumstances in carrying out an instruction or accomplishing a task? What did we do?

Inspiration from the Holy Bible

I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)

Do not be afraid of anything that you are going to suffer. Indeed, the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will face an ordeal for ten days. Remain faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10)

Inspiration from the Holy Qur'an

"These are the ones who will be rewarded with lofty mansions in Paradise, for their steadfastness. They will be received therein with greetings of welcome and salutations of peace." (Surah Al-Furqan 25:75)

"Oh you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy. Vie in such perseverance, strengthen each other, and be pious, that you may prosper." (Surah Ali Imran 3:200)

Hadith

Mahmud ibn Labeed (RA) reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said: "If Allah loves a people, then he afflicts them with trials. Whoever is patient has the reward of patience, and whoever is impatient has the full of impatience."
(Source: Musnad Ahmad 23122, Grade: Sahih)

Suhaib reported: The Messenger of Allah (PBUH), said: "Wondrous is the affair of the believer for there is good for him in every matter and this is not the case with anyone except the believer. If he is happy, then he thanks Allah and thus there is good for him, and if he is harmed, then he shows patience and thus there is good with him." (Sahih Muslim)

How do we persevere?

- a. Fix our eyes on the goal and be determined to achieve the mission entrusted to us.

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.
(James 1:12)

- b. Be determined to do the right thing even in the face of difficulty. As law enforcers, we follow standard operating procedures and due process. We must stay within the bounds of the law and not be tempted to take shortcuts just to hasten the process.

When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your perseverance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your perseverance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. (James 1:2-4)

- c. Do our best for God. If we lift up our mission to Him in prayer before embarking on it, then He will lead us to do the right thing in accomplishing our mission.

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for God rather than for people. (Colossians 3:23)

Challenge

What is our most significant learning today? How will we apply it to our own life?

Prayer

Praise God for His goodness and grace in our life. Ask forgiveness for our sins. Thank Him for the blessings we have received.

If we have any prayer requests, let us pray for one another.

We end the meeting with this declaration of faith: Because You are our shepherd, Lord, we shall not lack anything. You provide for our every need and satisfy our desires with Your goodness. You restore our souls and lead us in paths of righteousness. Even though we experience troubles in life, we will not fear because You are with us.