



# Perseverance



Perseverance is a steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state; especially in spite of difficulties, obstacles, or discouragement.

After an extremely busy day, Jesus and the disciples were weary and had reached their limitations. The disciples had not planned to continue to talk and heal the crowds; they had wanted to get away, rest, and recover. So when Jesus changed plans on them, they had a few choices:

- They could say no and go off to rest.
- Say yes, carry on, but be frustrated and annoyed.
- Willingly say yes to the change of plans out of a deep trust in Jesus' good intentions for them.

They chose number three, to willingly persevere.



In the same way that Jesus was tired and weary yet carried on healing and teaching, we don't expect life to be 'easy'. When things get tough we don't give up. We keep trying with patience and a 'can do' attitude. Faced with challenges we don't give up on ourselves or others. By enduring we build spiritual strength and inner peace.

The example of the perseverance shown by Jesus, the disciples and the people during the feeding of the 5000 inspires how we learn at Egerton.

- When faced with challenges we keep going and don't give up.
- We understand that sometimes progress takes a lot of time and patience as well as hard work.
- If one way of solving a problem hasn't worked, we are brave and try another one!
- We are pleased if we persevere and reach our goals, but when sometimes we don't achieve it, we know that persevering will still have made us stronger.

