



**My Story**  
Living the story you want to tell

**“I Decided To Stay”**

### Getting Started

This past Sunday was our 20th Anniversary Celebration.

- Take a few minutes to share how you first started attending Canyon Springs.
- What are some of the highlights of your experience here?
- Do you serve in a ministry, if so, what do you help out with?

### Going Deeper

What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you?

Why did this idea grab your attention?

**We** live in a culture where many things are disposable.

From paper plates, contact lenses, K-cups, diapers(praise God) even finances...we call it disposable income.

But sometimes this tendency of disposability can bleed into other important areas including,

- Friendships.
- Marriages.
- Faith.

The moment that things start to get difficult. The moment that you realize this wont be easy...some consider throwing in the towel for something or someone else.

Read [Hebrews 12:1](#)

What does the phrase, “Run with perseverance the race marked out for us mean?”  
What are some things we have to persevere in?

Do you think its easy to be a Christian in todays climate?

Have you ever been in a season of life where God didn't seem to act or do what you needed? Did you question God?

How does perseverance play out in your faith? What steps do you take to persevere and remain close to God?

One of the most important elements in the [Hebrews 12:1](#) verse is the phrase "let us."

- How important is it to have good people speaking into your life?
- Do you have a story of how someone spoke into your life to encourage you?

When you've had to make an important decision do you typically rely on your own best judgment or run it by others to get their input?

[Proverbs 19:20](#)

[Psalm 1:1](#)

[Proverbs 28:26](#)

Persevering and choosing to stay is not always easy. Even Jesus asked God the Father if there was another way for man to be saved outside of him dying a painful death on the cross. ([Matthew 26:39](#) *The cup is the suffering to which he was about to endure*)

What did Jesus go through for us as He persevered and ran the race that the Father put before Him?

At the end of your days what story do you want to ultimately tell with your life? Do you think your living on that path or do you need to make any course corrections?

