

Perseverance, part nine hundred eighteen...*

Apparently I believe perseverance is a trait that one focuses on for approximately two months before "something fresh" comes around... :) I think this thought is hilarious.

Three months AFTER the scheduled go live date, our phone system project is stuck... and the delays are bordering on unbelievable. Three days before a vendor meeting, the lead person on the vendor's side, a guy in his early 50s, died. So eye issues, vertigo, back problems, the flu and colds a few times, a turned ankle, a robbery, emergency room trips, and a death over the course of this project for team members/family members involved. AND personal issues and tragedy aside, there are technical issues to overcome...

Also, I'm tired. And also, the phone system is not the only stuck thing at work. Not even #1 on my list of frustrating stuck work things...

I was thinking... Running a marathon is an amazing thing. Like guaranteed amazing thing. I'm a super slow runner (it's okay, even super slow people can finish within the time limit they set). Doesn't matter. Perhaps people who finish in a regular amount of time feel even more amazing. The point is all you have to do in order to experience I CANNOT BELIEVE I JUST RAN A M-A-R-A-T-H-O-N amazing-ness is put in time to train. That's it. You train. You run and get to feel amazing. The payoff is huge in comparison to the investment. I could understand people willingly putting in a whole lot more for a much less satisfying result. Perseverance is like that. I think about it being a gamble. Like I could persevere and then come to the end and come up short. However, in the things I'm facing, I know the end might be many moons away. I could be extremely tired and beat up at the end. And, the end is sure in terms of the amazing-ness. I can't guarantee some race goal time. I can't guarantee a lot of things. I can guarantee when I get there, it will be both amazing and worth it. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Gal 6:9 And, my frustration at work, that's partly about my wanting some magic path to change when I already know, no big secret here: what is required is time and persistence.

Things I learned this month:

Apparently, if you hold a wonder woman pose (feet apart, chin up, hands on hips) for two minutes (a power pose), you increase your own feelings of confidence, etc. like smiling causes you to feel better, adopting a power pose causes you to feel confident. So as not to appear extremely weird, the power pose for two minutes needs to happen in private before the event for which you need confidence of course. I love how both simple and complex humans are. I'm so trying this... In some combination of power pose/future guaranteed amazing-ness, I'm encouraged and I've got a second (or 916th) wind. Thank you so much for your prayers and support and your perseverance for those still waiting for God's Word in their heart language.

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." --Nelson Mandela

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* It was going to be "Perseverance Part 2" except there feels like way more than two parts to perseverance...