Perseverance of the Saints

Affirms:

Real (saving) faith is an enduring faith and an enduring faith is the only kind of faith that is real.

"They whom God hath accepted in His beloved Son, effectually called and sanctified by His Spirit can neither totally nor finally fall away from a state of grace, but shall certainly persevere therein to the end and be eternally saved." -Westminster Confession of Faith

"The perseverance of the saints means that all who are truly born again will be kept by God's power and will persevere as Christians until the end of their lives, and that only those who persevere until the end have been truly born again."

- Grudem's Theology

Significance/Encouragement:

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 - A real friend will both comfort and challenge you.