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A Call to Preserve

Hebrews 10: 19-39

This passage is the fourth of five warning passages in the book of Hebrews and it asks us the hard question “What are we trusting in?” In addition to reminding us where our true hope lies, the author pleads with us to not make the mistake of rejecting Jesus and turning our back on him. While there is still time, we are invited to turn to Jesus and put our sin on him. Our hope is based on the fact that when his blood was shed it not only cleansed our guilty conscience but it made us clean. This truth is the bedrock of our faith that allows us to fully trust Him.

1. What is your initial reaction to Hebrews 10:23 where it says, “For God can be trusted to keep his promise.” What specific promise is referred to here? Have you had a time in your life when God seemed to let you down?
2. As we seek to encourage and love one another, Matt mentioned the importance of having two categories of people in your life: Those who can cast vision for you and those who can rebuke you. Do you have both of these type of people in your life? How have they helped you? If not, why not?
3. What are specific ways that we minimize God’s holiness and maximize our goodness? Why is this dangerous?
4. How we react to disappointment or being caught in our sin gives us clues as to what is going on in our relationship with God. Which of these three best describe you right now: Running from God, Hiding from God, or Standing still? (No need to elaborate, just pick one)
5. What is one step you could take to persevere and to grab hold of God by faith, right now, this week, this month, this year?
6. Read this quote together and then take a few minutes individually to reword it and turn it into a personal prayer. (i.e. “Christ, you are my hope. You are the only thing in this world that I can truly have confidence in....”)

“When Christ is my hope, he becomes the one thing in which I have confidence. I act on his wisdom and bank on his grace. I trust his promises and I rely on his presence. And I pursue all the good things that he has promised me simply because I trust him. So, I am not manipulating, controlling, or threatening my way through life to get what I want, because I have found what I want in Christ. He is my hope.” - Paul Tripp