## Hebrews: Jesus is Better



Lesson 5: Keep Going! Hold Fast to God's Promise. (October 26 & 27)

<u>Read Hebrews 5:11-6:12</u> 1. What images or ideas come to mind when you hear the word maturity?

2. Describe an event or a season of life in which you had to develop perseverance?

3. The readers are told that they must be growing in their faith and not slipping back into their old ways. Why is it important that Christians continue to grow into maturity?

4. Describe the characteristics of those who are being warned (6:4-5). Whom does it sound like the author of Hebrews is addressing?

5. Why do you think it is important to address the church about people who might fall away?

6. Which of Jesus' parables does 6:7-8 remind you of?

7. Perseverance is the hallmark of God's children. Write down 1-3 ways in which you have persevered in your life or in your following of Jesus.

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8. Do you struggle with the assurance of your salvation? How can the preacher's words keep us on a path filled with joy even as we experience pain and disappointments in this fallen world?



9. You've made it through the harshest warning section in Hebrews. In the end, does this make you feel discouraged because of your lack of maturity (5:11), or does it spur you on toward love and good deeds (10:24)? Explain.

10. What two practices enable us to inherit what has been promised to us (6:12)? Write them below and describe why each of them is necessary in the life of a believer.

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Read Hebrews 6:13-20

11. On what basis can we be sure of inheriting the blessing of heaven?

12. How do these verses promote our continual trust in God?

13. Chapter 6 verses 18-20 are filled with words of encouragement. What encourages you the most from the verses and why?

14. In verse 19 we read that we have a "sure and steadfast anchor for our soul". According to the preacher, what is that anchor and why is it trustworthy?

15. How is an anchor an apt metaphor for the hope we have in the God of our salvation? How has your faith been an anchor for you personally?