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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Context

Heb. 10:19-21	Truths We Can Count On	Since we...can enter the Holy Place by the precious Blood of Jesus, ...have a Great High Priest—Jesus.
Heb. 10:22-25	Commands We Must Obey	Let us.... Draw near.... Hold on... Lift up... Meeting together.
Heb. 10: 26-31	A Warning to Heed	The certain punishment which must follow the rejection of the greatest gift that God can make for our salvation. (Works vs. Grace)
Heb. 10:32-39	An Appeal to Encourage	Remember what God has done, is doing, and will do.

Now the emphasis shifts again from Christ's superiority to our responsibility. In strong and somber terms, the writer looks into his readers' eyes and says, "No matter how you look at it, the person and work of Christ is superior to everything. Now, here's what you need to do about it." At this point, the proof of Christ's primacy and the reality of our responsibility are so overwhelming that the implications are clear: If we don't trust and obey Him entirely, we're in big trouble.

- Dr. Chuck Swindoll

B. Today's Text

The Present Power of a Future Possession

1. Our Past

Hebrews 10:32–34, NASB95 - ³² But remember the former days [a present, middle imperative, aka, an encomium: *Humans are called to remember (God's faithfulness) and God is called to forget (our sin)!], when, after being enlightened [Salvation—realized life-changing truths], you endured [God got you through trials of the past (an athletics word picture)] a great conflict of sufferings, ³³ partly by being made a public [GK: *theatrizo*, "theater"] spectacle, [Neronian persecution] through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. ³⁴ For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully [you had an eternal perspective] the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession [it's better than anything this world can offer] and a lasting one [It will last longer than anything this world has to offer].*

2. Our Present

Hebrews 10:35–36, NASB95 - ³⁵ Therefore, **do not throw away your confidence** [lit., assurance—a guarantee (from God)], which has a great reward. ³⁶ For **you have need of endurance** [GK: *hupo-mona*, "the quality of continuing on—with God's power—when faced with adverse things"], SO that when **you have done the will of God**, you may receive what was promised.

Don't throw away your confidence in Christ!

Don't forget to cherish the promises of God above earthly things!

Do the will of God!

3. Our Future

Hebrews 10:37–39, NASB95 - ³⁷ FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY [adapted from Isaiah 26:21ff] . ³⁸ BUT MY RIGHTEOUS ONE SHALL LIVE BY FAITH; AND IF HE SHRINKS BACK, MY SOUL HAS NO PLEASURE IN HIM [adapted from Habakkuk 2:3-4ff] ³⁹ But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction [lit., to waste—in other words, *you wasted your life without God*], but of those who have faith to the preserving [cf., God's power, His preserving] of the soul.