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Be Glad
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Hebrews 10:35-38 So **do not throw away your confidence**; it will be richly rewarded. You need to **persevere** so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, “In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay.” And, “But my righteous one will **live by faith**. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.”

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