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A TEACHING SERIES IN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS



Greater Strength

Hebrews 12:1-17

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WHO IS THE BIBLE SPEAKING TO & WHAT IS THE GOAL?

- The Bible is speaking to people of _____ who have decided to follow Jesus Christ.
- Faith is _____ and _____ in what you believe to be true. Faith in Jesus Christ is confidence and assurance in what the _____ says is true.
- The goal of the passage is that we would not be _____ and _____ by _____; that we would remain in the freedom Christ purchased for us.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

- Fix your eyes on _____. (Verse 3)
- Know that _____ you, especially when you are experiencing consequences and discipline. (Verses 5-6)
- _____ hardship as discipline. (Verse 7)
- Let the Spirit of God continue to work in you, and through endurance, _____ spiritually. (Hebrews 4:4-13, Proverbs 4:20-27)

WHAT MIGHT IT LOOK LIKE?

- Make every effort...
 - To live in _____ with everyone
 - Be _____
- Help others experience and know the _____ of God
- _____ sin in your own life and be open to helping others in their fight.
- “Don’t trade your inheritance for a sandwich” = don’t let your appetites pull you from God.

WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

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¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

¹⁴Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. ¹⁶See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. ¹⁷Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

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