

A Call to Persevere!

Hebrews 10:23–25

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This is what we hear when we ponder our response to 'a Thrill of Hope'.

God desires our **intentional continuing response** to the only true hope we have in life and death.

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Intentional Continuous Response!

“When we follow Christ there must be persistence. We must go on.” A.W.

Tozer

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Hold Tightly

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.

(Hebrews 10:23, NLT)

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Hold Tightly

“Perseverance is more than endurance. It is endurance combined with absolute assurance and certainty that what we are looking for is going to happen.”

Oswald Chambers

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Think and Act

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. (Hebrews 10:24, NLT)

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Encourage One Another

And **let us** not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near. (Hebrews 10:25, NLT)

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Encourage One Another

- Gather to Worship & Encourage
- Grow through Quality Time & Discipleship
- Give as a Servant and Steward
- Go as a Witness and Missionary

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Gather to Worship

- God created us for Worship
- Let us (**intentional continuous response**) give Him Glory and Honor
- Is it a struggle to bring Glory and Honor to God with your life?

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Gather to Encourage

- Struggling in your relationships?
(God, Spouse, Family)

Let us encourage you!

- **Soul Care Ministry at GBC**
(Jeff Bergmann, Kevin Crosby, Gary &
Karla Anderson,
Pastor Denis)

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Grow through Quality Time

- Get an ally: encouragement
- Find a place—Choose a time (Plan)
- Journal (Reflect, Intentionally Think)
- Share what the Lord is revealing to you with people in your life
- Repeat (**intentional continuous response**)

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Grow through Quality Time

“Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion – it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.”

Billy Graham

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Grow through Discipleship

Intentionally walking alongside a growing disciple in order to **encourage, correct and challenge** them in love to grow toward maturity in Christ.

(Greg Oden, in *Discipleship Essentials*)

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Give as a Servant

- I know **it's hard**, Jesus never promised it would be easy, **so persevere**.
- Most importantly, **continue to show deep love for each other**, for love covers a multitude of sins. God has given you gifts; **use them well to serve one another**. (1 Peter 4:7-11)

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Give as a Steward

- The best measure of your priorities is **how you manage money.**
- Everything already belongs to God.
- **God wants your heart, that's how you bring glory to Him.**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

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Go as a Witness

We must share the plan of Salvation:

- Regeneration “born again, spiritual birth”
 - Justification/Righteous (JR)
 - Sanctification (process of Holiness)
 - Initial (Justification/Righteous)
 - Progressive, **Intentional Continuous**
- Response: Let us draw closer to God!**
- Final (Glorification)
 - Glorification

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Go as a Missionary

- Work hard proclaiming the gospel in **the use of your gifts** and by producing income that can be given **to advance the gospel**.
- Go with the Gospel—Send Laborers
- **Intentional Continuous Response**

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Your Response?

- Thrill of Hope or Sigh of Relief?
- I said “yes,” what else do you want from me?
- How much do you want?
- I’ll do anything for you.

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New Year's Response

“Jesus taught that perseverance is the essential element of prayer. Men must be in earnest when they kneel at God’s footstool. Too often we get faint-hearted and quit praying at the point where we ought to begin. We let go at the very point where we should hold on strongest.”

E. M. Bounds

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New Year's Response

“Sometimes life is so hard you can only do the next thing. Whatever that is, just do the next thing. God will meet you there.”

Elizabeth Elliot

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