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Hebrews:

- A “word of exhortation” written around 70 A.D. with no known author.
- Written to a Jewish Christian audience.
- Purpose: To proclaim the superiority of Jesus and encourage perseverance through faith in the face of persecution.

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Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses (Martyron), let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race (Agona) that is set before us,

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Romans 5:3-4 Through him (Jesus) we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness (endurance, perseverance, patience). And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Hebrews 12:2-4 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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Jesus is our ultimate witness

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Hebrews 12: 5-6 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reprovved by him.

For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.” (Proverbs 3:11-12)

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Hebrews 12: 7-9 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which *all* have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

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Hebrews 12:10-11 For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his *holiness*. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful *fruit of righteousness* to those who have been *trained* by it.

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You cannot have discipleship without discipline

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“Though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him.” - C.S. Lewis

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I Corinthians 9:24-27 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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II Corinthians 12:10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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II Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing.

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Hebrews 12:12-13 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

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Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

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Connection to Luke's Gospel:

Luke 14: 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 8: 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.

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Hebrews 12 illustrates salvation and sanctification

- We must repent, lay aside weight and sin.
- We must look to Jesus who endured the cross and shed His perfect blood in our place, rose again to life, and then ascended to heaven.
- Place our faith in Jesus as savior and Lord..
- Walk in a proper Father - child relationship