

# Hebrews Pt 16 “Come Close, Hold On, Keep Going”

**Hebrews 10:19-39**

## **CENTRAL QUESTION:**

Are you living like you have access to God, or are you still standing outside thinking you need to do more?

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## I. WE HAVE CONFIDENT ACCESS BECAUSE OF JESUS'S BLOOD

**Key Scripture:** Hebrews 10:19-22 - "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is through his flesh..."

### **Understanding "Therefore":**

- Jesus is the final, once-for-all sacrifice
- No more bulls and goats, no more yearly atonement
- Jesus's blood opened the way into God's presence permanently

### **The Temple Reality:**

- The veil separated the Most Holy Place from everyone
- Visual reminder: "You can come this far, but no further"
- High priest entered once a year with bells and rope
- When Jesus died, God tore the curtain from top to bottom

### **The Meaning of Confidence:**

- Boldness like a child running into their father's arms
- Not based on our performance but on what Jesus has done
- We are clothed in the righteousness of Jesus

- The beautiful exchange: He took our sin, we received His righteousness

**Key Question:** Are you living like you have access?

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## II. ACCESS DEMANDS RESPONSE

**Three "Let Us" Invitations:**

### **A. LET US DRAW NEAR (Verse 22)**

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith..."

- This is ongoing action - keep drawing near continuously
- Make God's presence your home, your dwelling place
- Come with sincere heart and full assurance
- We are cleansed internally, not just externally
- A changed heart transforms what you do on the outside

**Reality Check:** We need a heart transplant, not behavior management

### **B. LET US HOLD FAST (Verse 23)**

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."

- Hold fast means to cling like you're falling off a cliff
- Don't let go, don't waver
- Our perseverance is rooted in HIS faithfulness, not our grip
- It's not about the strength of your faith, but the faithfulness of the one you're holding

**The Blood Illustration:**

- Two men in Egypt during Passover
- One confident, one fearful
- Both saved because the blood was applied
- Our confidence is in the blood, not our feelings

### **C. LET US STIR UP ONE ANOTHER (Verses 24-25)**

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together..."

- The Christian life isn't a solo endeavor
- Spur on means to provoke, stir up, even agitate
- We need each other for encouragement
- Church is God's primary means of keeping each other going
- We make time for what's important to us

**Key Question:** Who am I spurring on?

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## **III. THERE IS A SOBERING WARNING AGAINST WILLFUL REJECTION**

**Key Scripture:** Hebrews 10:26-31 - "For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins..."

### **Understanding Sin:**

- Hebrew word means "to miss the mark"
- The mark is God's standard, not just the Old Testament law
- Jesus elevated the standard (hatred = murder, lust = adultery)
- Sin is about thoughts and heart, not just actions

### **What Sin Actually Does:**

- Breaks the heart of God
- Damages your witness
- Damages the image of God in you
- Grieves the Holy Spirit
- Cost God His Son's life

### **Practical Warning:**

- Get away from situations that trigger sin
- Stop making excuses for sin
- Don't assume that because we're forgiven, sin doesn't matter
- We can't play games with sin or treat Jesus's sacrifice lightly

**The Call:** Let this warning sober you and remind you that the Christian life is not casual - it's costly and worth everything.

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## IV. REMEMBER, ENDURE, AND LIVE BY FAITH

**Key Scripture:** Hebrews 10:32-39

### **Remember Your Past Endurance (Verses 32-34):**

- You've suffered before and didn't fall apart
- You knew you had something better
- You had a better and lasting possession
- Eternal treasure and a kingdom that cannot be shaken

### **Don't Throw Away Your Confidence (Verses 35-36):**

- You need endurance to receive what God has promised
- "For yet a little while, and the coming one will come"
- "My righteous one shall live by faith"

### **Identity Statement (Verse 39):**

"But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls."

### **This Is Who We Are:**

- We don't shrink back when the enemy comes
- We don't cower when the world attacks
- We stand firm on the Word of God
- We stand firm even in suffering and mockery

- God works all things for His glory
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## V. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

### Four Action Steps:

#### 1. DRAW NEAR

- Stop living like you're not welcome
- Make nearness to God your daily rhythm
- Prayer, Scripture, worship - not duty, but delight

#### 2. HOLD FAST

- When doubts and suffering come, remember He is faithful
- Your grip may falter, but His never does

#### 3. DON'T GO IT ALONE

- Gather, encourage, spur one another on
- Make church a priority
- Reach out and check in

#### 4. ENDURE

- You need endurance to receive what He has promised
- Endurance comes from knowing you have something better
- Something eternal that can never be taken away

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### KEY TAKEAWAY:

Jesus is better than anything this world offers. Because He's better, we can:

- Draw near with confidence
- Hold on without wavering
- Keep going even when it gets hard

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**FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:**

- Are you living like you truly belong in God's presence?
- What sins or situations do you need to get away from?
- Who in your community can help you endure?
- How has God worked difficult things in your life for His glory?
- What does it mean to you personally that "He who promised is faithful"?

**Scripture References for Further Study:** Hebrews 10:19-39 | Psalm 139:7-10 | Matthew 27:51 | Habakkuk 2:3-4 | Genesis 2:7