



Take 5 minutes to Glorify God

Be Encouraged!

Heb 10:23-25 **Let us hold fast** to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to **provoke one another** to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 12:1-3 ... let us **run with perseverance** (patient endurance) the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer (Captain) and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so **that you may not grow weary or lose heart.**

The author of Hebrews is practicing in Chapter 12 what he preached in Chapter 10. That is, in Chapter 12 the author is provoking and encouraging the Hebrew believers not to grow weary or lose heart. These Hebrew believers have put their trust in Jesus as their messiah. They have turned from being under the Law to better promises under grace. For this, they are under great persecution from the unbelieving Jewish community. They are being tempted to deny Christ and return to the Law. They are at the same time under persecution from the gentile community as well from the Roman empire. The author is exhorting these Hebrew believers not to shrink back and despise the grace they have been given in Jesus the only Christ.

The Author gives at least six reasons why we can be personally encouraged and how we can encourage others who are growing weary or losing heart. We can remind ourselves and others that:

12:1-3 We can fix our eyes upon the Captain of our faith, Jesus Christ, who went before us on the cross to conquer sin, and death; and to show us the way of faith. Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father interceding for us today.

12:4-11 We have an Abba Father who cares for us and is training and correcting us for our good that we may share in His holiness that we may yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

12:12-17 For the sake of others, we can encourage our brethren who are weak, feeble and lame so they don't lose heart.

12:18-24 We have a mediator of peace fighting for us today, and we are in the family of God enrolled, and destined for heaven.

12:25-29 We have a healthy fear of God that we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe.

13:1-5 We have a Savior who will never leave us or forsake us so we do not need to fear.

The author to the Hebrews says to these struggling believers: What we have in Christ is precious and can not be obtained anywhere else. There is nowhere else we can go. So don't shrink back to the old ways. Rather fix your eyes on Christ Jesus and run the race so you will not grow weary or lose heart.

December 17th, 2007



Men's Ministry Meetings This Week

**Iron Works Tuesday 7pm
CCRSM Prayer Room**

**Men of Honor
CCRSM Prayer room,
Saturday 8am**

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All Men invited !!!

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About Take 5

We believe God's Word transforms lives and technology can be used for His glory.

*Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)
so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*