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...SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP...

📖 **God's Word is our standard.** We'll use the Bible - not personal opinion, popular teachers, or church tradition - as our guide for everything. We are using the English Standard Version (ESV) Bible for this study.

♥ **We come from varying faith backgrounds**, so please be thoughtful of denominational and religious differences.

🚫 **Avoid commentaries or study notes in your Bible.** Trust God, pray, ask for wisdom then read and answer on your own.

👂 **We're all learning.** Be gracious and patient with yourself and with others. No one has it all figured out.

✓ **This isn't a personal opinion study. This is a Bible study.** So, there are going to be "right" and "wrong" answers. Try your best and have a humble and teachable spirit.

🗨️ **You don't have to share**, but if you did the reading and the study this week, why not chime in? We all benefit from one another's thoughts and questions. I bet you have something great to share! 😊

🕒 **Didn't finish the study this week?** That's ok. Life gets busy. You're here! Yay you! This will be a good week for you to listen and perhaps jot down answers as others share.

🕒 **Be considerate of your "slice of the pie"** and how much time you are taking to talk. Share your thoughts, and allow time for others to do the same.

🕒 **Watch the time.** Please return to our teaching session on time. 7:40pm (evening) or 10:40am (morning) group.

...AS WE GATHER...

1. Share your paraphrase of Hebrews 2:1-4 (pg 42)
2. What were your "Top Three Tips" for not drifting away? (pg 44)
3. How did you describe what we don't see in subjection to Jesus and how we can "see Him" on page 47?
4. Why is it important to you personally that Jesus is the founder of your salvation? (pg 52)
5. Why do you think Jesus is perfectly qualified to come to our aid? (pg 55)
6. Based on Hebrews chapter two, what did you learn about Jesus?
7. Was there anything you feel a little uncertain about?

BONUS...Can you recite Hebrews 2:17-18? What memorization tips can you share with the group?

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OUR NEXT STUDY MEETS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 OR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14...

...which is why this packet contains Lessons Three and Four – We meet in three weeks, not our usual two.

You'll find a helpful calendar of this study on pages 7-8, and pages 10-11 provide a helpful day-by-day schedule with check-boxes to keep you on track.

Hebrews - Radiant Bible Study Notes

“...BUT, WE SEE HIM”

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!! IMPORTANT !!

Before you begin this Bible study, please be sure you have read the **introduction** on pages 3-11 **and** you have listened to the opening lesson **“Hebrews: Study with Heart & Mind.”**

This message is available on the Dwelling Richly podcast on iTunes or any podcast app, or just go here: www.DwellingRichly.podbean.com and scroll to “Hebrews: Study with Heart & Mind” (September 27, 2017)



This lesson will cover chapters 3 & 4 in 15 days of guided study designed to take about 30 minutes a day.

Read the complete outline and schedule for Hebrews in the Introduction.

Jennifer is available during the week if you have any questions about the study.

Her contact information is in the introduction.

...Lesson Three - Day One

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 3:13-15



...READ AND WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER THREE...

Please join me today and every weekday as I teach through each of the days of Lesson Three. Live on Facebook at LMCC Women or on www.Zoom.us/j/221173257 at 7am or join the recorded sessions on YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond or the Dwelling Richly podcast.

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TODAY:

- 1) READ HEBREWS 3:1-19 - If you haven't read chapters one & two yet, be sure to read them as well
- 2) WRITE HEBREWS 3:1-19 – If you haven't written chapters one & two yet, set aside time this week.
- 3) WRITE & MEMORIZE Hebrews 3:13-15. I've provided space at the opening of each lesson for this.

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15 As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Hebrews 3:13-15

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...Lesson Three - Day Two...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 3:13-15

...HEBREWS 3:1-6 PART 1...

Let's study together! Join me live on October 25 at 7am on www.zoom.us/j/221173257 or www.YouTube.com/c/JenniferRichmond at a time convenient for you.

...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, your word is alive and powerful. It always teaches me and helps me. Thank you for your word today as I study. Help me understand it better. In Jesus' name, Amen

...READ...

[Hebrews 3:1-6](#) – What truths about Jesus can you add to your “Jesus is...” page? (This page was in Lesson 2.)

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. After reading Hebrews chapters one through three, what can we say about Jesus? Use the following prompts to remind you. Also, this is a good opportunity to mark these in your Bible:

His Role	His Titles	He's Better Than...
<p>Hebrews 1:1-3</p> <p>1) H _____</p> <p>2) C _____</p> <p>3) R _____</p> <p>4) I _____</p> <p>5) U _____</p> <p>6) P _____</p> <p>7) F _____ (Implied by the fact that He “sat down.”)</p>	<p>Hebrews 2:10-11</p> <p>8) F _____</p> <p>9) P _____</p> <p><i>YES, THIS IS A REVIEW... DO YOU HAVE IT MEMORIZED YET?</i></p> <p>Hebrews 1:2</p> <p>1) S _____</p> <p>Hebrews 1:6</p> <p>2) F _____</p> <p>Hebrews 1:10</p> <p>3) L _____</p> <p>Hebrews 2:17</p> <p>4) H _____ P _____</p> <p>Hebrews 3:1</p> <p>5) A _____</p> <p>Hebrews 3:6</p> <p>6) C _____</p> <p>This title means “Messiah” from the Hebrew word “anointed one.” This is the FIRST time Jesus is referred to as “Christ” in Hebrews</p>	<p>Hebrews 1:4</p> <p>1) A _____</p> <p>Hebrews 3:3</p> <p>2) M _____</p> <p>This is the only time in the New Testament where Jesus is called an Apostle. What special significance do you think that has?</p>

2. How else do you see Jesus described in [Hebrews 3:1-6](#)? (at least seven)

3. Chapter Three opens with the first greeting of the letter! How does the author address his audience? Write the first part ("Therefore...Jesus") of 3:1 then...

- 1) Underline his direct greeting – (who they are)
- 2) Double underline his description of them
- 3) Box the words of his command to them

4. How had the author just referred to Jesus in 2:11?

Like Jesus, we are counted as brothers, and not just brothers (the Greek word is ἀδελφός/adelphos), but **holy** (ἅγιος/agios) brothers. Note that this word is a general family term – not meant to exclude sisters. Some translations render it “brothers and sisters.”

5. What does he then exhort the “holy brothers” to do?

6. Read [Luke 6:41 and 12:27](#). Luke uses this same verb as the author of Hebrews.

What does Luke say to “notice”? (6:41) _____

What does Luke say to “consider”? (12:27) _____

It's Greek to Me

The Greek word translated “consider” is from the root word κατανοέω/katanoëo meaning to concentrate by fixing one’s thinking.



7. What about Jesus should we consider? (Hebrews 3:2-6)

That Jesus is...

8. What are you are tempted to “consider” outside of Jesus – maybe not Moses, but what or whom can take your consideration? Think

about the second sentence from Hebrews 2:8 “...*At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.*”

...IN CLOSING...

Have you considered Jesus? Not like considering what you should eat today, or if you should change your hair style, but have you taken a good look at who Jesus is and how the truth of who he is should be impacting your life? Remember that Hebrews was written to Jewish believers in Yeshua (Jesus) who were in need of encouragement through trial. He continually points them and us back to the anchor that keeps us tethered to hope through all circumstances: Jesus. What are you hoping in today? Where are you looking to for confidence? ...Your knowledge? Smart financial moves? Hard work? Life “treating you well?” Today we are reminded to “Consider Jesus.” That’s where hope is. That is where we will find a true brother and the only one who can connect us to God. Consider Jesus today and throughout your day and be sure that as you hold fast in your confidence and hope in Him, he will carry you through.

...Lesson Three - Day Three...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 3:13-15

...HEBREWS 3:1-6 PART 2...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, how can I even come close to understanding your Word without the insight of the Holy Spirit? Thank you in advance for my time in the Word today and for the help of your Holy Spirit in grasping the power and significance of your Truth. In Jesus' name, Amen

...READ...

[Hebrews 3:1-6](#) – What truths about Jesus can you add to your “Jesus is...” page? (This page was in Lesson 2. You can also download it here: www.LaMiradaChurch.com on the Women's ministry Bible study page)

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. What is an apostle? What is a High Priest? It won't help us to “consider Jesus” as both of those if we don't even know what each of those words mean...

Read [John 20:21](#) What did Jesus say about himself?

The Greek word translated “sent” is ἀποστέλλω/apostello from where we get the word: apostle. It means, “one who is sent.”

Read [Hebrews 2:17](#). What did Jesus do as our high priest?

We're going to learn more about Jesus as our High Priest in chapter four. For now, it's important to understand that as our High Priest Jesus can make a perfect, once-and-for-all sacrifice on our behalf that enables us to have a relationship to God.

We need a way to hear from God and to be heard by God. As our apostle sent by God and our Priest mediating to God, Jesus accomplishes both! Underline “apostle” and “high priest” in your Bible and make note of their significance in your margin. Then draw a diagram or illustration to help you visualize Jesus as the apostle from God to us and as High Priest for us to God.

Illustrate Jesus as Apostle and High Priest

2. Biblically speaking, what is our “confession?” (Hint: This is not the idea of a criminal admitting his crime. Think biblically.)

3. How do we “confess” Jesus and what is the result of that confession?

[Romans 10:9-10](#)

[1 John 4:2-3](#)

4. Read [Numbers 12:1-9](#). How would you describe the attitude of:

Aaron and Miriam?

Moses?

5. We saw in our earlier study why the author needed to elevate Jesus over angels, why do you think he now focuses on Moses? What does that say to you about how his audience considered Moses?

To this day, Moses is regarded as the greatest prophet in the Jewish faith. When Moses’ name is mentioned it would have brought up all he was associated with – especially the Law. Moses and the Law go hand in hand to in the mind of a Jew. Unless you were raised in Judaism, it will be hard to relate to how highly esteemed Moses was and is. Everything connected with God is connected to the greatest prophet – Moses. So, the author needs to drive this point home – Jesus is better than Moses.

6. Use this chart to outline the differences/similarities between Jesus and Moses from 3:1-6

JESUS the _____	Moses the _____
v2	v2
v3	v3
v4-5	v4-5
v6	v6

7. What does the author compare us to in 3:6? _____ What conditions does he state must be met in order for us to truly be God’s house? (Hint: two conditions)

8. Later in the letter, we get more details on this “holding fast our confidence” and “boasting in our hope.” For now, based on your reading in Hebrews, what does it look like to you to “hold fast” your confidence and “boasting in” your hope?

Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

One of the reasons we are using the English Standard Version for this study is made clear in Hebrews 3:1. The last phrase of that verse in the Greek reads: ὁμολογίας ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν (homologias hemon Iaysoun.) The ESV keeps this important word “confession” (homologias) but it is missing in the NIV Bible and in the NLT its meaning is lightened by the paraphrase: “declared.” It means literally: “same/homo + word/logias. The idea is to “speak the same thing about.”



...IN CLOSING...

I'll be honest with you, in writing this portion of our study I struggled with my desire just to park it here in this passage and dig even deeper. I felt like the author of Hebrews who said at the end of his letter (the longest in the New Testament!) that it was a "brief" letter! For those of you who, like me, cannot get enough hours in the day to read and meditate on God's Word, you might have felt like we barely touched the surface of all the truths packed into these verses, and you wanted more! For those who like to finish a day of study because it's on your check-list, you might have felt that this was a long enough lesson as it is! We're all different in our thirst for the Word, but I want you to know that it didn't escape me that we didn't discuss many important concepts. We didn't dig into the meaning of our "heavenly calling." We didn't go further into who Moses was and why, in spite of his obvious moral failings and direct disobedience to God, he was and is still esteemed so highly. We could spend another two or three days at least to grasp the meaning of how Jesus was faithful as a son and we can be counted faithful as His house if we hold fast and boast in our hope. I am praying even as I type these words that you will grow in your desire to understand God's Word and that you would be blessed as you pour more time into "considering Jesus." My heart in writing this Bible study is to provide a way for you to learn to read and understand the Word and that the Holy Spirit would grow in you an increasing desire to know Him and be known by Him. Bless you, today, my sister in the Lord. I'm praying for you!

We are His House
if we
HOLD FAST our
Confidence
and Hope
Hebrews 3:6

...Lesson Three - Day Four...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 3:13-15

...HEBREWS 3:7-19 PART 1...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that this is Your word I'm about to enter. So, I ask that by Your Spirit You would apply it to my heart. Teach me and encourage me in your right ways today. Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 3:7-19](#) – What truths about Jesus can you add to your “Jesus is...” page?

...THINK & ENGAGE...

If I were to ask you to think back to the Rodney King riots or remember “9/11” I’m certain that you’d have a strong - even emotional – image in your mind. Today’s passage would have evoked a similar remembrance in the minds of the readers of this epistle. These verses bring us to the second of at least five stern warnings in Hebrews. (We overviewed these warnings in Lesson Two/Day Two.) The author, having just reminded them in 3:1-6 of the greatness of Moses and the even superior greatness of Christ, quotes from a passage that would have rung loud, clear, and familiar to his audience.

1. **To whom does the author of Hebrews attribute this quote?** _____

This is a clear assumption – no teaching needed – that the author makes of his readers’ understanding of how they came to have the Word of God. Do you know where each author of the Bible came to have God’s Words?

? What does the apostle Peter say in [2 Peter 1:21](#) about the origin of Scripture?

? And Timothy in [2 Timothy 3:16](#)?

2. **This passage is also similar to the apostle Paul’s approach in warning the church of Corinth. Read [1 Corinthians 10:1-12](#). What similar warnings do you read here as in Hebrews 3:7-19?**

3. While his audience would have immediately known this exact moment of history, you may be unfamiliar with the dramatic event. Read [Psalm 95:8-11](#) and especially [Exodus 17:1-7](#) and summarize the event here:

Who was involved? ...Where? ...What happened? ...What was the result?

What miraculous events had these people literally just witnessed before they began their grumbling? (Skim Exodus 14-16. You'll find the headings in your Bible helpful as you skim.)

4. How is the Israelites' sin summarized in Exodus 17:7?

...and what was the core of the issue as described in Psalm 95:10 and Hebrews 3:12

Underline the word "heart" in these verses, and remember that with God, it's always a heart issue. Always.

5. What even more miraculous and recent event had the audience of Hebrews, and by extension you and I, witnessed? (Hebrews 1:3b; 2:14-15)

6. Earlier in this chapter, the author made the correlation between Christ and Moses. Basically saying, if you esteemed Moses, and you do, how much more should you esteem Christ? Now, what correlation in the form of a warning is he making to us? Whom are we in danger of being like? Read Hebrews 3:8 and Hebrews 3:12.

7. Take a closer look at 3:10. Note the two issues:

1) They always..._____

2) They have not..._____

8. This lack of knowledge of God's ways was not just innocent ignorance. What was it a result of? Read Hebrews 3:8 and 3:13

...IN CLOSING...

How might this look in your life? What are the ways that you "go astray in your heart?" How might you be in danger of not knowing God's ways? Is that a concern to you or are you immune to going astray? Are you free from the danger of not knowing God's ways? Prayerfully consider this as you close your time today. Keep in mind all that the Israelites had witnessed as they were delivered from Egypt, crossed the Red Sea, were led by a pillar of fire and a cloud, saw the mountain covered in cloud and heard the thunderous word of God speak to Moses, drank sweet water, ate literal bread from heaven, and had water pour forth from a solid rock...and they still hardened their heart in disbelief. Could that happen to you? Do you look around and miss the wonderous deliverance of God because you are fixated on what you perceive as lack in your life. Rather than "fixing your eyes on Jesus" you are looking at what presently does not appear to be in subjection to Him. If Hebrews is anything, it's a serious exhortation that by way of our perseverance, our holding fast to our confidence and hope in Christ we demonstrate that we have truly placed our hope our faith our love and our belief in Him, the author and perfecter of our faith.

...Lesson Three - Day Five...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 3:13-15

...HEBREWS 3:7-19 PART 2...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, this Word is for me today. It's not just for Christians who lived two thousand years ago or for Jewish people who lived twenty-five hundred or three thousand years ago...it's for me. I ask that You would open my eyes to behold wonderful things in Your Word and that by Your Holy Spirit You would apply this truth to my heart right where I am today, in Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 3:7-19](#)

...REVIEW & CONSIDER...

1. In chapter three we have seen that Jesus is greater than Moses because:

1) Jesus is the B_____; Moses is the h_____ that was built. (Heb. 3:3)

2) (3:4; 1:8) Jesus is G_____

3) (3:5-6) Jesus is the S_____; Moses is the s_____

2. Like a good teacher, the author of Hebrews cycles back and reviews the key points! Write how Hebrews 3:3-6 points back to Hebrews 1:2-3, 8.

...THINK & ENGAGE...

3. Using the positive example of Jesus and the negative example of the unfaithful Israelites, chapter three is written to encourage and empower us to do what? (Hebrews 3:6b)

4. We see this urging throughout Hebrews! Summarize each of the following and be sure to mark them in your Bible.

[Hebrews 2:1](#)— How do we avoid drifting away? _____

[Hebrews 3:14](#)— How do we show that we have become partakers of Christ? _____

[Hebrews 6:11-12](#)— How do we realize the full assurance of hope until the end? _____

[Hebrews 10:23](#)— How must we hold to the confession of our hope? Why? _____

[Hebrews 10:35](#)—How should we treat our confidence? _____

[Hebrews 12:1](#)— Finally, what three ways can we be successful in our faith? _____

I want to pause to encourage you to avoid the mistake of looking at these verses as your prescription for getting in good with God – like it all depends on a subjective scale of how well you held fast, persevered, imitated, didn't waver, etc. God's not like that. At the end of Hebrews, the author reminds us that God is happy to bless us and remind us that the strength to persevere to the end is not our own, but God's. "Now may the God of peace . . . equip you in everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight." That's some good news! God is the one who enables us to be faithful, to persevere, to hold fast!

5. What did God want to provide for the Israelites? Hebrews 3:11, 18. _____ and
6. What was God's word against them? Hebrews 3:10

No mention of keeping any particular law. It was a heart issue. Always has been. Always will be.

7. What is the evidence that we are with Christ and have a changed heart? Hebrews 3:6, 14
8. After the stern warning in 3:12, the author gives a practical support. Read Hebrews 3:13. What shall we do as sisters in the household (3:6) of God?

E _____ one another. How often? D _____. Why? "that none... _____"

In order for us to do this what would you say we, as Christians, must know and be willing to do?
Explain:

What's a personal and practical way you can practice Hebrews 3:12 today?

Now, go ahead and put that on your schedule today and do that! ☺

9. The author's wrap-up statement reinforces this concept and shows that he follows his own teaching. What does he say in Hebrews 13:22 is the purpose of this epistle?

"...bear with my _____"

...IN CLOSING...

I think it's easy to treat salvation in the same way that the Israelites did. Like the "Get Out of Jail, Free!" card from the Monopoly game, the Israelites saw God as their "Get Out of Egypt" card. Once delivered in a miraculous fashion, instead of humbly worshipping and loving God, they proceeded to complain,

grumble, make demands, and even long for their slave days! The issue for the Israelites is the same as for you and me today – our hearts. Do we have a heart that is believing, trusting, and hoping in God? Why didn't they get to enter the promised land? Was it because they sinned and they rebelled and grumbled? Sure. But, recall how chapter three ended: "...they were not able to enter because of unbelief."

Stunning. In spite of all they had witnessed, their sin even with God's mercy is a sign of their true heart: unbelief. The core of the issue was not truly believing God, not trusting his goodness, not resting in him as he led them, protected, and provided for them. How many of us might be like that today?

Seriously. Consider how many people claim to follow Christ treating him as their "Get Out of Hell" card? When we hear that we can have our sins forgiven, dodge Hell and get into heaven and it's as simple as just believing?...hmmmm, that's pretty easy! Come forward at an altar call. Accept Jesus into my heart as a child. Pray the "Sinner's Prayer." But later, a trial comes—a wilderness time. Bored of manna. Weary of persevering and what that actually takes...the pleasures of the world – or simply the lack of zeal for the fixing our eyes on Jesus – take priority and you find yourself no longer interested in Christ and his Word and prayer and worship and missions and living for the glory of God.

The author of Hebrews is exhorting and encouraging us today to check our hearts. If we don't hold tight, we were never truly of "his house." Do not treat God's grace lightly. Don't think that you can receive it like a way out, but not live with God's guidance and truth in your daily life. Don't leave this time today satisfied in taking the mercy of God to avoid Hell, but remain hard in your heart toward him when it comes to daily fellowship. Humble your heart today and exhort others in your life to do the same.

...Lesson Three - Day Six...

....WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 3:13-15

...CREATE & SHARE...

For this lesson's "Create & Share" let's take time to put into practice Hebrews 3:13. Write a note, send a card, text your group today and share a word of encouragement. We all have many distractions and even discouragements that we can use as an excuse keeping us from living out our heavenly calling. Who can you connect with today for encouragement?

Do you need encouragement? You can take time today to reach out also! I'd be so happy to connect with you. Let's live out what we have studied in this chapter and "exhort one another every day." You can reach me here:

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...Lesson Four - Day One

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12



...READ AND WRITE HEBREWS CHAPTER FOUR...

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TODAY:

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- 1) WRITE HEBREWS 4:1-16 – If you haven't written chapters 1-3, set aside time this week to do that.
- 2) WRITE & MEMORIZE HEBREWS 4:12. There's a box at the opening of each lesson for daily practice.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ~ Hebrews 4:12

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HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:1-2...



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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, I'm coming to Your Word today knowing that it is true. It is the truth by which You are sanctifying me. Thank you for your love and mercy in my life and the power of your word for me today. In Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews Chapter Four](#)

...REVIEW & CONNECT...

1. The central warning of chapter three (v. 12) was followed by a strong exhortation. How do we, as the "holy brothers and sisters" in "his house" show that care enough about each other every day? Write the verse from chapter three and your thoughts on how that can be done:

...THINK & ENGAGE...

2. Here we are at the beginning of chapter four and the author draws another conclusion from the warnings of chapter three. Write 4:1 from the ESV – important!
Unfortunately, the NIV weakens the wording to "let us be careful." Read the "It's Greek to Me" info for a helpful explanation →

It's Greek to Me

The word translated "let us fear" is from the Greek word: φοβέομαι/phobeomai. We get our English word "phobia" from it.



In three alarming words, the author sums up the exhortation! Let us fear. Underline that in your Bible and above in your answer.

3. Fear what? Like the Israelites who were delivered from Egypt and yet failed to "enter his rest," what have we to fear? (Hint: read 3:19 again. It's right there at the end of the verse.)

Does that surprise you? It shouldn't. Consider what we are told again and again in God's word...

4. **What are we reminded of in each of these verses – and countless others in Scripture?...**

[Isaiah 41:10](#) _____

[Luke 12:7](#) _____

While we are encouraged throughout the Word of God not to fear when we are in God's hand and will, we are missing the point if we don't see the point of fear. In fact, the verse you just read from Luke 12:7 is sandwiched between some of Jesus' most powerful and harsh teaching on this very thing! Read on...

5. **Read the full context of [Luke 12:1-10](#)**

Whom does Jesus say to fear? _____

Why? _____

What would cause a person to be "cast into hell?" (v8-10) _____

6. **What is the "it" at the end of 4:1 that we should be fearful of not reaching? H_____ r_____.**

7. **Hebrews 4:2 begins with "for" which means the author is giving a reason for the previous verse. Why should we fear? Work through this important verse with me...**

What came? "For G_____ N_____ came..." To whom? "_____ just as to _____"

But what happened? "the _____ they heard did not _____ ..."

Why didn't it benefit them? "they were not... _____ ..."

Whom did it benefit? "...those who _____."

In chapter eleven, the author will detail many of those who "listened."

This (listening) points us back to the very beginning of this entire letter to the Hebrews! Go read [Hebrews 1:1-2](#) again! So exciting!

8. **What do you see there that again points to the importance not only of the message but in how it was delivered? Hebrews 1:1 – "God _____" Hebrews 1:2 – His son "_____"**

In hearing God speak through prophets and through Jesus, our natural, respectful, fearful, humble, and obedient response then should be to do what? L_____!

...IN CLOSING...

Not too long ago someone said to me that they think of the Old Testament as the part with the harsh, angry God but the New Testament is the merciful God because of Jesus. How far from the truth could that be?! Hebrews 4:2 reminds us of the reality! The Good News came first to "them" in the Old Testament – the Jews, then to "us" in the New Testament! Good news is only good to those who receive it and respond appropriately though, right? Jesus makes this clear in his ministry. In fact, Jesus opened his ministry after faithfully defeating Satan's temptation with these words from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim **good news...**" (Luke 4:18a) But it's not just Jesus who declared this good news. God spoke the good news to Moses in [Exodus 34:6-7](#), "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..." That's great news! God has always desired to show his mercy and grace to us. The good news is that, by faith we can receive his mercy and enter his rest. From Genesis to Revelation, Old Testament to New...God is holding out the promise of entering his rest. It is up to us to reach it by faith by accepting his free gift of grace through Jesus Christ and remaining faithful to the end.

...Lesson Four - Day Three...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:3-5...



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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, how I need your word in my life! What a peace and strength I find when I'm with you in your powerful word Thank you for blessing this time today, in Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews Chapter Four](#)

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. From Hebrews 4:3, who can enter the rest?
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2. Back up to 4:2 and see what came before believing: *"they were not united by faith with those who..._____"*
3. Paul explains this beautifully! Read [Romans 10:13-17](#). How does faith come?
|
4. Of course, listening or hearing is great, but what happened to those to whom the author of Hebrews is referring? Hebrews 4:2
|
5. The author quotes again from Psalm 95. Can you feel him driving the point home like a deeply concerned pastor for his flock? "Don't miss this!" he's saying, "This is so important and you are in jeopardy of missing the point!" What phrase does he repeat from Psalm 95 twice in verses three and five?

It's Γρεεκ το Με

The word translated "rest" is κατάπαυσιν/katapausin. It refers to "the heavenly blessedness in which God dwells, and of which he has promised to make persevering believers in Christ partakers after the toils and trials of life on earth are ended." The word is used only by Stephen and the author of Hebrews. Stephen quotes Isaiah in his scathing sermon recorded in Acts 7 as he indicts the non-believing Jewish leaders for rejecting Christ. The author of Hebrews uses this word eight times in chapters 3-4.



6. Whose rest is it? Who gets to also share in the rest?
7. Is this a rest because of weariness? What does this rest point back to? Explain. Read [Hebrews 4:3b-4](#), [Isaiah 40:28](#), and [Genesis 2:1-3](#).

God has done it all and if you want to enter into the finished work of God it's available by faith! Wow. What a promise!

When you think of God resting after creation, what imagery comes to your mind? Illustrate your thoughts here as a drawing or in any way that helps you picture it...

✕ DID YOU KNOW? ✕

Why does the author of Hebrews say, "he has somewhere spoken"? Doesn't he know where in the Bible it was spoken? Yes...and no. You see, it was over a thousand years after Hebrews was written before it and the rest of the Bible was divided into chapters and verses. In 1227 Stephen Langton, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was the first, but this edition was for clergy only. It wasn't until 1382, over 150 years later, that John Wycliffe brought the Bible to the people. This laid the foundation for Martin Luther who, 200 years later, in direct defiance of the Catholic church, lead the charge for all people to read the Bible. Next time you go looking for a passage in your Bible, thank God for men like Langton, Wycliffe, and Luther among others who made it so much easier for all of us.

...IN CLOSING...

In our busy lives, it may be tempting to read all this about entering God's rest as a welcome breather. But, as true as it is that Christ wants to relieve our burdens, bring us peace, give us strength to endure busy times, that is not the kind of rest we have been reading about. The rest of this chapter is significantly more thorough. It is God's perfect rest...the rest of receiving the full benefits of salvation, the rest that we, like the Israelites are in danger of missing if we lack belief. Fanny Crosby described it well in this classic hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest;
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Fanny Crosby



Francis Jane Crosby wrote more than 9,000 hymns, some of which are among the most popular in every Christian denomination. She wrote so many that she was forced to use pen names

Lest the hymnals be filled with her name above all others. And, for most people, the most remarkable thing about her was that she had done so in spite of her blindness.

"I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you," remarked one well-meaning preacher.

Fanny Crosby responded at once, as she had heard such comments before.

Do you know that if at birth I had been able to make one petition, it would have been that I was born blind? Because when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

Born in Putnam County, New York, Crosby became ill within two months. Unfortunately, the family doctor was away, and another man—pretending to be a certified doctor—treated her by prescribing hot mustard poultices to be applied to her eyes. Her illness eventually relented, but the treatment left her blind. When the doctor was revealed to be a quack, he disappeared. A few months later, Crosby's father died. Her mother was forced to find work as a maid to support the family, and Fanny was mostly raised by her Christian grandmother.

Her love of poetry began early—her first verse, written at age 8, echoed her lifelong refusal to feel sorry for herself:

*Oh, what a happy soul I am,
although I cannot see!
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy*

*That other people don't,
To weep and sigh because I'm blind
I cannot, and I won't!*

While she enjoyed her poetry, she zealously memorized the Bible. Memorizing five chapters a week, even as a child she could recite the Pentateuch, the Gospels, Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and many psalms chapter and verse.

Shortly before her fifteenth birthday, Crosby was sent to the recently founded New York Institute for the Blind, which would be her home for 23 years:

By age 23 Crosby was addressing Congress and making friendships with presidents. In fact, she knew all the chief executives of her lifetime, especially Grover Cleveland, who served as secretary for the Institute for the Blind before his election.

Another member of the institute, former pupil Alexander van Alstine, married Crosby in 1858. Considered one of New York's best organists, he wrote the music to many of Crosby's hymns. Crosby herself put music to only a few of hers, though she played harp, piano, guitar, and other instruments. More often, musicians came to her for lyrics.

She could write very complex hymns and compose music with a more classical structure (she could even improvise it), but she preferred to write simple, sentimental verses that could be used for evangelism. She continued to write her poetry up to her death, a month shy of her ninety-fifth birthday. Her last stanza was:

*You will reach the river brink, some sweet
day, bye and bye*

Read the full story here:
christianitytoday.com/history/people/poets/fanny-crosby.html

...Lesson Four - Day Four...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:6-11...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, I know how prideful I can be. I compare myself to the worst and consider myself fine. As I read your words today, remind me deeply of my need for you, my tendency to disobey, and even worse, my blindness to my own disobedience. Keep my heart close to yours today, Father. Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews Chapter Four](#)

...REVIEW & CONNECT...

Have you ever stopped to think about what God wants for you? Obedience? Honor? Glory? Yes. Yes. Yes. But consider this, that literally since the dawn of time, God has wanted for you – rest. Better than the kind that you get after church on Sundays – that's just a nap. Better than after a long week when you get two days off – that's just the weekend. What God has provided is always better. The author of Hebrews wants us to grasp this, and that's where we'll continue to study today. Are you ready to understand the depths of God's rest? Let's study!

1. So far, what or whom has the author of Hebrews shown Jesus to be better than?

1:1-2a – better than our f _____ and p _____

1:4 – better than a _____

2:16 – better than any o _____ of A _____ (us!)

3:3 – better than M _____

2. In chapter three, the author reviews what significant event and its result? [Hebrews 3:7-19](#)

3. What had God provided for “your fathers” (the Israelites) that they did not get? Why didn't they get it? [Hebrews 4:2-3](#)

...THINK & ENGAGE...

4. Long after the time of Joshua, who else reminded Israel of the Sabbath rest that remained?
Hebrews 4:7 _____
5. After Moses, who did God leave in charge of leading the Israelites? _____ (4:8)
6. [Read Joshua 1:1-14](#)

What commands did God give Joshua? Summarize:

What promise did God give Joshua and by extension, the Israelites?

Was Joshua fully successful? Explain based on what the author of Hebrews said in Hebrews 4:8...

As a result, what remains? Write Hebrews 4:9 –

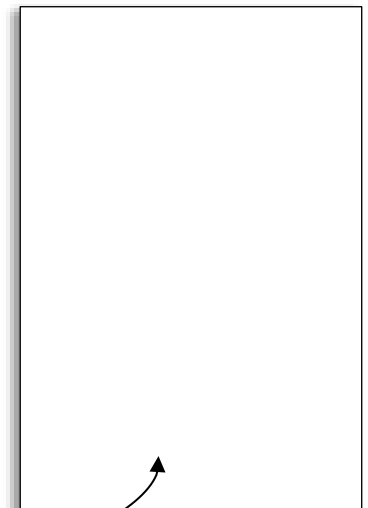
7. While Moses and Joshua were promised physical land as their rest, what was God ultimately pointing to for all who are obedient? Hebrews 4:10

BONUS!! – How did God describe that promised land? Deuteronomy 6:3

8. What is God's rest? [Hebrews 4:10 and Revelation 14:13](#)

How do you envision God's rest? Draw or write what it looks like to you...

9. What will it for you as an individual and us together as "holy brothers" to get that rest – God's rest?
Review key points from Hebrews chapters three and four:



From your list, which point is an area of weakness for you? Fearing God? Obedience? Looking to the examples of others? Exhorting? Knowing God's ways? Having His heart? Lack of faith? Commit that to prayer right now!

...IN CLOSING...

Maybe you feel like Jeremiah who, after trial upon trial from God, cried out: "My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord" (Lam. 3:18). Maybe you relate. You feel that you might be too weary to "strive to enter that rest." And yet, you read the Word, and you see that unless you want the same outcome as those who hardened their hearts, you must strive, obey, hear, and soften your heart. The walk of faith is not easy. Praying a "Sinner's Prayer" is, but living the life is "taking care let you fall away!" Be encouraged, sister. After crying out to God, Jeremiah proclaimed: "this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Yes, we are to respond in obedience to God, but never lose sight of this, that it is God who carries you through. His mercies are new every morning. If you are His, he is yours and so is His rest. "Come to me," Jesus says, and "I will give you rest." That's a one-time coming, and it is a daily coming to Him. Just like our rest is for here and now today and is also a future eternal rest, come to Him for your salvation and continue to come to Him daily through prayer, the Word, and fellowship with other believers and look forward to that ultimate Promised Rest with Him.

...Lesson Four - Day Five...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:12-13 PART 1...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, I love reading your familiar word – words that I've known for so long. Thank you for the comfort of that these passages. But, Father, today I need to see you afresh. I don't want to continue to rely on old ways of thinking unless that mindset is still true. Please give me fresh eyes and an open heart to understand your Word to me today - in Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 4:8-13](#)

...REVIEW & CONNECT...

In yesterday's lesson we wrapped up at Hebrews 4:11, and the heart of author of Hebrews is again clear in his concern for us. It is an exhortation to be earnest and careful so that you don't throw away the offer of God's rest. Today, we'll see how and why to even greater detail.

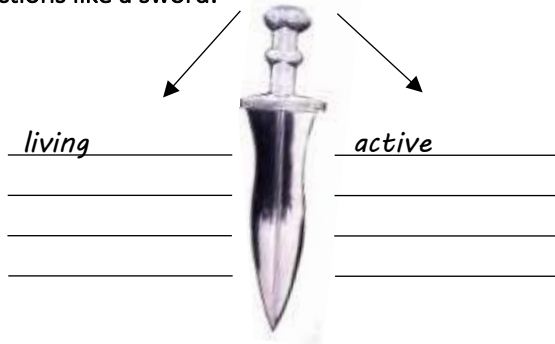
1. What does the author of Hebrews help us see is the point of our lives? What are we aiming for?
Hebrews 4:9-11
|
2. How do we enter that rest? (Opposite of what the evil, hardened of heart Israelites did.) Hebrews 4:6
|
3. What needs to happen in order for us to believe and obey? Hebrews 4:2
|
1. Whose example are we following if we are not diligent to enter God's rest? (Hebrews 3-4)
|

...THINK & ENGAGE...

2. Hebrews 4:12 begins with the word "for" (Greek word: γὰρ/gar) which connects it strongly to 4:11. What is the potential to happen to those who don't "strive to enter?"

“so that no one may _____ by the same sort of disobedience.”

3. From that visual of falling, the author moves to describe the action and power of God’s Word – which is what those who fell had failed to obey. Write the word pairs from 4:12 on each side of the sword. Note that each pair (living/active; soul/spirit; etc.) describe a distinct action of God’s Word as it functions like a sword:



Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

The word translated “sword” is μάχαίραν/machairan and means a dagger. Unlike a big broad sword, a dagger is incisive and can make short, stabbing accurate cuts in the right place. And God’s word is penetrating and accurate and like a dagger. Paul uses the same imagery in Ephesians 6:17 when he calls the word of God the “sword of the Spirit.”



4. Consider the key actions of God’s Word in 4:11. Write their opposites. Use a dictionary to help if needed.

God’s word is LIVING-..... _____

God’s word is ACTIVE-..... _____

God’s word is PIERCING soul & spirit-.... _____

Soul = ψυχή/psyche – a person’s distinct identity because of the breathing of God into them
 Spirit = πνεύματος/pneumatos – “breath” – who we are by spiritual rebirth

God’s word is DISCERNING- _____

5. Why do you think the author of Hebrews follows “strive to enter that rest” in 4:11 with this reminder of the power of God’s Word in 4:12? Keep in mind mentions of the Word (message, spoken, good news, listened, etc.) throughout chapters 1-4 as you consider this connection:

6. Who is hidden from “his sight?” _____ What role does the “Sword of the Spirit” have in that? Use imagery from 4:13 and any other Scripture to support your thoughts...

7. What kind of warning do you think this imagery is intended to give us?

We’ll look more closely at this tomorrow.

...Lesson Four - Day Six...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:12-13 PART 2...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, today I pray David's prayer: Search me, Oh, God. Know my heart. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the everlasting way. Thank you for your Word and its power to open my heart and reveal any way in me that is not yours - in Jesus' name, amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

God's Word is not just a book written hundreds of years ago by some guy who is dead and gone and really didn't know anything about you or me. It's not just made up of divinely inspired sentences. It's personal. God, Himself, is speaking into our ears His view of us and of truth. It's not a dead word spoken by irrelevant dead men from the past, it's a living and powerful today.

...THINK & ENGAGE...

1. Read John 1:1, 14 – Who is the Word? _____
2. Yesterday, you completed the following chart. Today, we'll complete it again, only this time, think about how each aspect of the Word of God is true of Jesus – the Word. Write how each is true of Jesus. Use your own verses or the ones provided to help if needed.

Jesus is LIVING [1 Corinthians 15:3-6](#) _____

Jesus is ACTIVE [Galatians 2:20](#) _____

Jesus is PIERCING soul and spirit* [Luke 24:31-33](#) _____

Jesus is DISCERNING [Matthew 25:31-46](#) _____

The Greek word translated "discerning" is κριτικός/critikos – meaning "able to judge" and that's exactly what Jesus will do "when the son of man comes in glory."

Ἰτ'σ Γρεεκ το Με

The word translated "word" is Λόγος /logos. In his gospel, John makes this powerful opening case that Jesus is God and the Word of God.



* After Jesus' resurrection, he walked with these men and explained the Scriptures – He helped them see eternal and temporal truths and their comment "were not our hearts burning while He talked?" points to how Jesus' gets to the deepest realities – soul/spirit.

3. Jesus, the Word, knew the hearts of the Israelites and he knows ours today. What does God's Word tell us about the "thoughts and intentions of the heart" and what he knows about it?

[Jeremiah 17:9](#) - _____

[Luke 16:15](#) - _____

4. The wording in 4:13 takes us back to Genesis. Read [Genesis 2:25 then 3:7-11](#)
What is the difference between the two "naked" accounts in Genesis? How does this connect back to Hebrews 4:13 and what God's word does?

5. Read [2 Chronicles 16:9a](#). What does this tell you about God? *Write or draw your response...or do both!*

After reading 4:12 about God's Word slicing us open, revealing our innermost thoughts and our truest selves, how does it make you feel to know this?

6. Read [Romans 14:10-12 and 2 Corinthians 5:10-11](#). While the "eyes of the Lord" look for those whose hearts are blameless so He can support them, those same eyes are the ones we will one day have to do what? (Hebrews 4:13b)

...IN CLOSING...

Reading these truths about God might make some shrink back in shame and fear – God sees me and holds me accountable? Oh, no! I'll never measure up! Others may read this and respond with annoyance and disbelief – God sees me and holds me accountable? Yeah, right. What kind of God would do that? I pray that you are at a crossroads today. I pray that you will see the outrageousness of Hebrews and be compelled to make a decision today, while it is still called today - that you would commit or re-commit to the God of the Bible and take Him at His word. The God who sees you and knows you holds life for you or death. Choose life. Choose mercy. Choose to be known because you are responding in love and faithfulness. Pray, as David did, "Search me, Oh God. Know my heart. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting!" Be eager to enter God's rest having listened and responded in faith to the good news so that you will be united to those who also have listened.

...Lesson Four - Day Seven...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:14-16 PART 1...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, thank you for the truth of Your word. It is more reliable and more relatable in my life than anything this world can offer. By your Spirit, energize me, to have a passion for your word and for entering your rest - in Jesus' name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

God's Word is not just a book written hundreds of years ago by some guy who is dead and gone and really didn't know anything about you or me. It's not just made up of divinely inspired sentences. It's personal. God, Himself, is speaking into our ears His view of us and of truth. It's not a dead word spoken by irrelevant dead men from the past, it's a living and powerful today.

...THINK & ENGAGE...

Martin Luther said of these verses "After terrifying us, the apostle now comforts us." That's pretty accurate, don't you think? To this point in Hebrews chapters three and four, the author has reminded us of the seriousness of failing to enter God's rest. Words like: rebellion, provoked, wrath, and evil along with images of a slicing sword that cuts us open to our very core have filled the past twenty or so verses – very serious stuff! But, now a shift...first the author terrifies us with the reality of falling away and now, in verses 14-16, he comforts us and motivates us. Hebrews 4:14-16 is a review of the concepts from 2:17-3:1 and it also gets us ready for chapters five through ten which will lay out why Jesus is better than any earthly high priest.

1. Who is our "great high priest?" _____ (4:15)

2. Read [Hebrews 2:17-18 and 4:14-16](#).

What is Jesus like as our high priest and what has Jesus done as our high priest?

3. Twice in this passage the author says “let us.” Underline and connect these phrases in your Bible and then write each one here:

v14 - Let us... _____

v16 - Let us... _____

4. Both “let us” statements support the middle reason which the author states in the form of a negative and then a positive description: we don’t have this but we do have this...

➤ Draw a box around “but” in your Bible - it’s a conjunction connecting the statements.

? What don’t we have in Jesus?

? What do we have in Jesus?

5. Have you ever met someone who was unsympathetic to your situation? What was that like for you? How did it make you feel?

6. Have you ever been unsympathetic to someone’s situation and then became sympathetic? What made the change for you? What was the before and after like? How did it impact your relationships?

7. Why is Jesus able to sympathize with us? [Hebrews 2:17-3:1](#)

...IN CLOSING...

We all relate to the saying, “You can’t understand someone until you’ve walked a mile in their shoes.” Jesus did that for us and so much more. Isaiah prophesied that the one who would come to save us – the Messiah – would be, “a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.” (Isaiah 53:3-4) If you’ve ever made that shift from unsympathetic to sympathetic or been blessed because someone became that for you, then you surely can understand how significant it is that Jesus was truly able to sympathize with us. He was tempted in every way as we are. We can come with confidence to Him as our brother and receive mercy from Him as our sympathetic high priest. Thank Him today for his grace and mercy and pray that he will help you become more like him today.

...Lesson Four - Day Eight...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...HEBREWS 4:14-16 PART 2...

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...PRAY...

Heavenly Father, I love that I can come to you, the creator of the universe. And not just come in fear and trembling, but I can come in confidence and feel your love surround me. Thank you! Thank you also for your word today and I pray for the wisdom to understand it and the faithfulness to live it out in my life today - in Jesus' name, Amen.

...READ...

[Hebrews 4:14-16](#)

1. **Skim Hebrews 3:1-14 and underline each occurrence of the word "confidence."**
What are we to do with our confidence? _____
Then in Hebrews 4:16, how do we approach the throne? _____
2. **Note that we are encouraged to "draw near with confidence" only after we've done what? (v14)**
|
3. **What is "our confession?"** (*The Greek word is "homologos – same+word" we covered this in Lesson Three/Day Three of this study.*)
|
4. **Think about it...**
Where do we get this "confidence?" Based on your reading of Hebrews or the Bible in general, what are your thoughts on where that confidence would come from? Not sure? Re-read [Hebrews 3:14-4:13](#).
|
5. **The author of Hebrews tells us that we can draw near to the "throne of grace." What does the throne imagery put into your mind? When you think of approaching a throne, who are you approaching? What would be your natural demeanor? Write or draw what you are picturing:**



If you're like me, then you're picturing a stately throne room, with a great king at the far end. I imagine the chamber echoing with each step as I approach the throne. I feel nervous approaching such greatness and yet, I do approach.

This same throne of grace is the throne upon which the Creator of the universe sits. The same throne from which God spoke these overwhelming words to Job:

*"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"*

6. Review [Hebrews 1:3-8](#). How is Jesus and His throne described?

7. James also reminds us of the gracious and merciful God who wants us near. Read [James 4:8a](#) and write the verse here:

...IN CLOSING...

I don't think it's an accident that people have such wildly different views of God. Some see God as mean, vengeful, even capricious. Others see God as docile, disinterested, and disconnected. Across the spectrum there are a myriad of views of God, and every wrong view keeps us from drawing near to Him. If he's mean and harsh why would I want to go near that? If He's impotent and disconnected...why bother? Satan wins when we are skewed in our view of God. Having a wrong view of God goes back to the Garden. When Adam and Eve sinned, it wasn't because they knew God's nature so well. It was because they lacked belief in spite of knowing His true nature. Satan cast out the doubts and they bit. Then how can we know God and keep from error? Draw near. And while God's holiness would have kept us far away, Jesus went before us, made things right with God so that we could not just get a little closer, we could draw right up near and touch His glory. Angels don't do that. Moses couldn't do that. Aaron couldn't do that. But, you can today. You can draw near to God, and He will draw near to you giving you the mercy and grace that you need at just the right time. Today is that time. Don't miss out on His mercy and grace. Draw near to Him today.

...Lesson Four - Day Nine...

...WRITE AND MEMORIZE...

HEBREWS 4:12

...CREATE & SHARE...

Which verse from chapter three or four has been an inspiration or encouragement to you? Today is your Create & Share day, so why not design a verse poster, a card, or note featuring your favorite verse hand-lettered on it? Not sure how to hand letter something? You can Google that for ideas! You can also do an internet image search for your verse and see if you find any inspiration from ideas that are already out there. Hand lettering is a beautiful way to express your creativity!

Read back through Hebrews three and four, select your verse, and then give it a try!

Then think about who would be blessed and encouraged by that verse and share it with them. Share it with me too! You can take a photo of it and text or email it to me! I'd love to see it!

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