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**“A New and Living Way” *(Hebrews Series, Pt 11)* – 12.6.20**

* **Ice Breaker: What is one of your favorite Christmas movies? Why do you like it so much?**
* **What are some things that have challenged you spiritually in the last year?**

1. **(Hebrews 10:23–25) — 23** Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And **let us consider how we may spur one another** on toward love and good deeds. **25** **Let us not give up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but **let us encourage one another** — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

* **How can God’s faithfulness & the promises in His Word be a catalyst for us to persevere in our faith? When has this been true for you?**
* **Why do you think God designed us to grow spiritually mature in the community of believers? What might be some other benefits?**
* **Why do you think we need the encouragement of others “all the more” as we see “the Day approaching”?**
* **In the season of COVID, talk about how we could creatively live out the principles in this passage.**

1. **(Hebrews 10:26–31) — 26** If we deliberately **keep on sinning** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **no sacrifice for sins is left**, **27** but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. **28** **Anyone who rejected the law** of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **29** How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has **treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him**, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

* **How can staying connected to other believers help guard us against deliberate sin & rejecting Christ?**
* **What might be the difference between being presumptuous about our salvation vs being confident?**

1. **(Hebrews 10:35–39) — 35** … do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. **36** **You need to persevere** **[inward fortitude to endure]** so that when **you have done the will of God**, you will receive what he has promised. **37** For in just a very little while, “He who is coming will come and will not delay. **38** But **my righteous one will live by faith**. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.” **39** **But we are not of those** who **shrink back** **[fail to believe]** and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

* **What might it mean for us to do “the will of God?” How might this be the same or different for each of us?**
* **Practically speaking, how do we live by faith? What might be the opposite of living by faith?**

**How can we pray for you?**