

SERMON NOTES

Date: April 5, 2020

Series: Anchored

Title: Anchored through Suffering

Text: Hebrews 10:32-39

Big Idea: Though we may feel the full force of suffering in this life, Jesus keeps us securely anchored to the hope of our eternal salvation.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

The author of Hebrews encourages his readers to fight sin by remembering their success in enduring past hardships (v. 32-34). In what ways is remembering a helpful Christian discipline to develop?

The author also encourages his readers to regain their confidence by looking forward to their future reward (v. 35-39). Why is meditating on the hope of heaven an effective Christian discipline to develop?

APPLY

If you were in control, what would you do with your suffering? What does God do with your pain? How do God's purposes and your goals differ?

What causes you to suffer? From the text, what are some ways God calls you to respond?

How are you tempted to disbelieve God's promise of future reward? What alternative lies does the world offer?

While "once saved, always saved" is true, many times the Bible says, "if saved, always saved." (cf. Acts 11:33; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Col. 1:21-23; Heb. 12:15; 1 John 2:3; Jude 21) How does God lovingly use the warnings of endurance to motivate you to keep your eye on the prize?

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:3. How does God's past faithfulness sustain trust in his future faithfulness to keep you secure?

COMMIT

Make a list of the promises and purposes of God in suffering. Post it in a prominent location (mirror, car, ec.t) to reshape your view of sufferings and trials.