

Pathways Bible Study Workbook

FALL 2021 & WINTER 2022

includes 2 Small Group Zones

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“UNDER THE WORD”

THIS WORKBOOK BELONGS TO:

*** 2 PAGES PER WEEK ***
*** COVERS TWO SMALL GROUP SEMESTERS ***
*** INCLUDES ALL OF THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS ***

DATE OF SERMON
ON THAT TEXT

**THE TEXT WITH ROOM
FOR YOUR NOTES**

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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BONUS WORK: Go to page ??? and read the message of the passage. "Jesus is BETTER!"

**WORKSHEET TO
CAPTURE YOUR
4 KEY STATEMENTS
FROM THE PATHWAYS
BIBLE STUDY METHOD**

**TEMPLATE TO
PHOTOCOPY**

**BEGINNERS
WILL BE
ENCOURAGED
TO LEARN STEP
BY STEP FOR 10
WEEKS**

**ALL SMALL GROUPS
ARE FOR BOTH
BEGINNERS AND
THOSE EXPERIENCED
ON THE PATHWAY**

10 WEEKS TO LEARN: BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

ALWAYS START WITH PRAYER

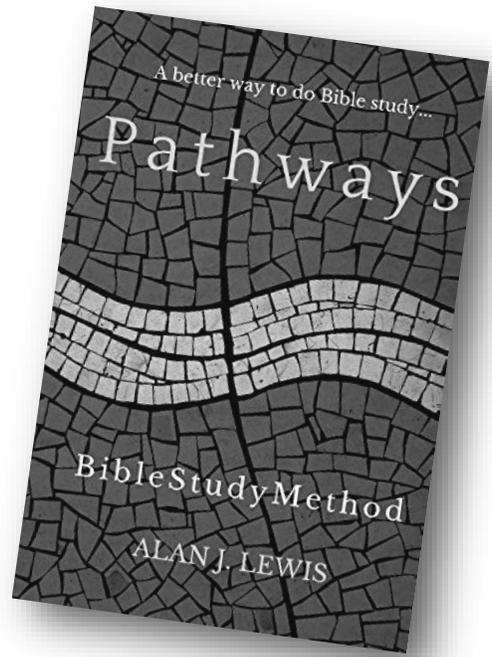
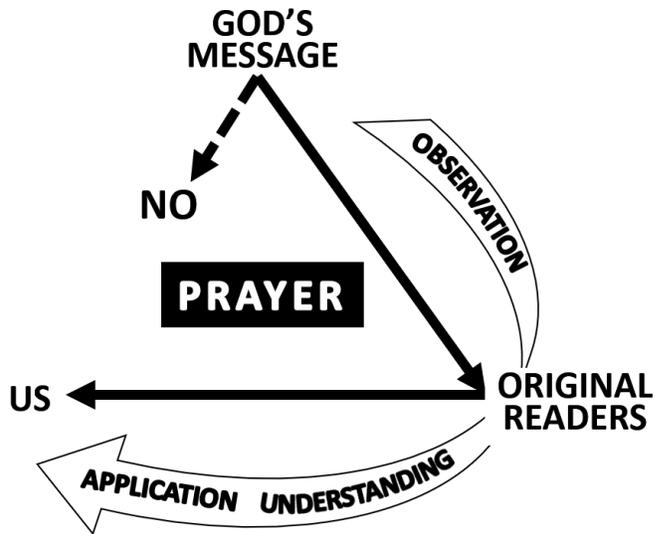
OBSERVATIONS / QUESTIONS

FOLLOW THE FLOW OF THOUGHT IN THE PASSAGE AND SUMMARIZE IT IN ONE SENTENCE. THIS IS YOUR ORIGINAL READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT:

WRITE AN OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE

**FOR THOSE NEW TO THE
PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY
METHOD**

**LAST PAGES HAVE THE COMPLETE
DETAILED WORKSHEET INCLUDING
THE 4 KEY STATEMENTS**



**THIS STUDY APPLIES THE CONCEPTS TAUGHT IN
ALAN J. LEWIS' PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD.**

This resource is online available at Amazon.com

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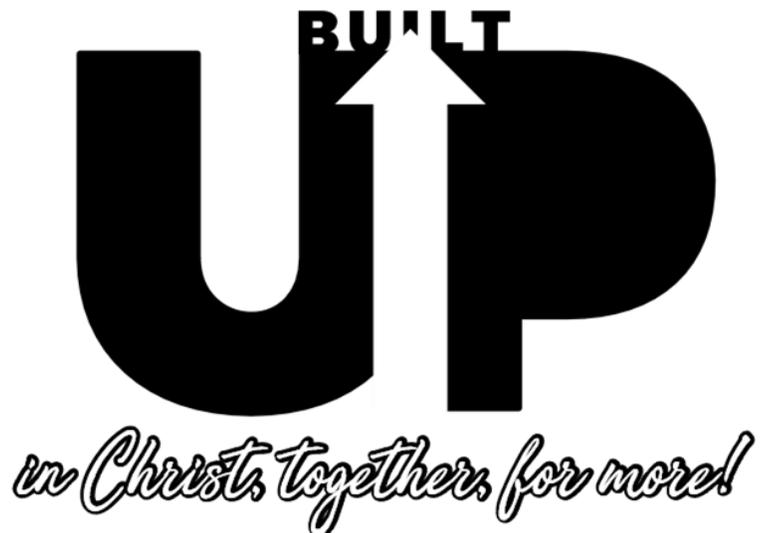
As we seek to be **Built UP in Christ, together, for more**, we need to welcome the truths of the written sermon to the Hebrews. This powerful but challenging New Testament letter will help us be prepared to face anything, even persecution.

The first century believers had already been through a lot, but now it seems that their lives may be on the line. How could they develop a “focused resilience” in their faith? How could they endure to the end? How can we?

As we welcome God’s Word into our hearts, we will be challenged to focus on Jesus, while we remember that failure is fatal and that fellowship with other believers is essential.

May the Lord help us not be sluggish,
but to pay closer attention so we do not drift away from such a great Savior!

- Pastors Gary deBock & Patrick Shea



COURAGEOUS PASSION ▲ EXPECTANT DELIGHT ▲ KINGDOM PURPOSE
TRINITY FELLOWSHIP'S VISION 2022



**TWO 10-WEEK GROWTH CAMPAIGNS
THROUGH HEBREWS**

*Integrating
Personal Bible Study,
Small Group Life-on-life Gatherings,
Weekly Sermons*

**September 12—November 14, 2021
January 23—March 27, 2022**

FOR THE WEEK PRIOR TO THIS SUNDAY		READING IN LEWIS BOOK	STEP-BY-STEP LEARNING THE PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD	SMALL GROUP
SMALL GROUP SEMESTER	SMALL GROUP SEMESTER			
FALL 2021	WINTER 2022	THOSE WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY STUDIED THE PATHWAY SHOULD MERELY REVIEW THESE	<p>FOR BEGINNERS: WORK THROUGH THIS STEP FOR THIS WEEK'S PASSAGE</p> <p>THESE ARE IDENTIFIED BY △ ON THE COMPLETE BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET TEMPLATE ON THE INSIDE BACK COVER</p> <p>FOR EXPERIENCED: WORK THROUGH THE ENTIRE PATHWAY AND CAPTURE THE 4 KEY STATEMENTS</p>	<p>SMALL GROUP <i>All pages numbers refer to Alan Lewis' Pathways Bible Study Method</i></p> <p><i>These apply to groups that have ROOKIES;</i></p> <p><i>If a group has ALL VETERANS of the Pathways Method, then discussion will center on the FOUR KEY STATEMENTS along the Pathway:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) OUTLINE, (2) ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT, (3) PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT, (4) PERSONAL APPLICATION STATEMENT.
Sept 12	Jan 23	Pages 7-21	PRAYERFULLY & CAREFULLY READ	Discuss Lewis' intro and Session #1; see questions on page 97
Sept 19	Jan 30	Pages 23-34	ASK GOOD QUESTIONS	Discuss Lewis' Sessions #2 and #3; see questions on pages 98-99
Sept 26	Feb 6	Pages 35-43	OBSERVE THE CONTEXT And PRE-UNDERSTANDING?	Discuss Lewis' Sessions #4 and 5; see questions on pages 100-101
Oct 3	Feb 13	Pages 45-47	LINKING WORDS?	Discuss Lewis' Session #6; see questions on page 102
Oct 10	Feb 20	Pages 49-57	OBSERVE THE STRUCTURE & FLOW	Discuss Lewis' Sessions #7 and #8; see questions on pages 102-103
Oct 17	Feb 27	Pages 59-65	WRITE ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT	Discuss Lewis' Session #9; see questions on page 105
Oct 24	Mar 6	Pages 67-73	HOW AIM FITS THE SALVATION STORY and WRITE THE PRESENT-DAY MESSAGE STATEMENT	Discuss Lewis' Session #10; see questions on page 106
Oct 31	Mar 13	Pages 75-81	POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS	Discuss Lewis' Session #11; see questions on page 107
Nov 7	Mar 20	Pages 83-95	WRITE OUT YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT	Discuss Lewis' Session #12; see questions on page 108
Nov 14	Mar 27	---	REVIEW THE ALL THE STEPS ALONG THE PATHWAY METHOD	Share and pray through the application steps God has directed you to pursue.

FALL 2021 "Under the Word" Study Schedule

SMALL
GROUP
MEETING
DATES



	STUDY BEFORE DATE	TEXT	PAGE #	YOUR TITLE FOR THE PASSAGE	NOTES
SMALL GROUP ZONE	Sep-12	Entire Letter; Focused on Background and Exhortations	8-13		FIRST PASSAGE MOST SMALL GROUPS WILL PREPARE FOR
	Sep-19	Hebrews 1:1-2:4	14-15		
	Sep-26	Hebrews 2:5-18	16-17		
	Oct-3	Hebrews 3:1-19	18-19		
	Oct-10	Hebrews 4:1-13	20-21		
	Oct-17	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	22-23		
	Oct-24	Hebrews 5:11-6:10	24-25		
	Oct-31	Hebrews 6:11 - 7:10	26-27		
	Nov-7	Hebrews 7:11-28	28-29		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS (Fall Back)
	Nov-14	Hebrews 8:1-13	30-31		LAST PASSAGE MOST SMALL GROUPS WILL PREPARE FOR
	Nov-21	Hebrews 9:1-14	32-33		
	Nov-28	Hebrews 9:15-28	34-35		



"UNDER THE WORD"

WINTER 2022 "Under the Word" Study Schedule

SMALL
GROUP
MEETING
DATES



	STUDY BEFORE DATE	TEXT	PAGE #	YOUR TITLE FOR THE PASSAGE	NOTES
SMALL GROUP ZONE	Jan-23	Review Hebrews 1-9 thought-flow and Exhortations	8-13		FIRST PASSAGE MOST SMALL GROUPS WILL PREPARE FOR
	Jan-30	Hebrews 10:1-25	38-39		
	Feb-6	Hebrews 10:26-39	40-41		
	Feb-13	Hebrews 11:1-16	42-43		
	Feb-20	Hebrews 11:17-40	44-45		
	Feb-27	Hebrews 12:1-17	46-47		
	Mar-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	48-49		
	Mar-13	Hebrews 13:1-6	50-51		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS (Spring Forward)
	Mar-20	Hebrews 13:7-17	52-53		
	Mar-27	Hebrews 13:18-25	54-55		LAST PASSAGE MOST SMALL GROUPS WILL PREPARE FOR



MY FIRST OVERVIEW OF HEBREWS

(Big Ideas and Connecting Thoughts)

TEXT	INITIAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIG IDEA IN THIS SECTION	HOW THIS SECTION CONNECTS LOGICALLY TO THE PREVIOUS ONE(S)
Hebrews 1:1-2:4		
Hebrews 2:5-18		
Hebrews 3:1-19		
Hebrews 4:1-13		
Hebrews 4:14-5:10		
Hebrews 5:11-6:10		
Hebrews 6:11 - 7:10		
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Hebrews 10:26-39		
Hebrews 11:1-16		
Hebrews 11:17-40		
Hebrews 12:1-17		
Hebrews 12:18-29		
Hebrews 13:1-6		
Hebrews 13:7-17		
Hebrews 13:18-25		

<i>TEXT:</i>	OVERVIEW
<i>TO BE DONE BEFORE:</i>	Sept. 12, 2021

1

The first step in the Pathways Bible Study Method is to **READ THROUGH, OR LISTEN TO, THE ENTIRE BOOK** of the Bible you are studying. Hebrews can seem overwhelming with its many Old Testament references and allusions. We will understand these better as we go through our study. For now, do a read-through, section by section, and jot down in the chart on the facing page your initial take on the **BIG IDEA** of each section.

You may also want to jot down any thoughts about how the sections are connected to one another in the far right column. Try to follow the author’s thinking as you move through the letter.

2

Hebrews is a written sermon. Like many preachers, the author moves back and forth between **EXEGESIS** of Biblical passages and **EXHORTATION** that apply that exegesis. Because the letter was meant to be read out loud, there is a fair amount of repetition. This would have allowed the hearer to follow along.

In trying to understand the author’s big idea intention, it is helpful to look through the entire letter again. But this time, the focus is just on the exhortations. To make this a little easier, these are captured on the next two pages (10-11). **READ THROUGH ALL THE EXHORTATIONS AT ONE TIME.**

3

As Pastor Gary went through these steps, he came away with three key big ideas of the critical challenges for the original readers AND for us today. His three were: **Focus on Jesus; Failure is Fatal; Fellowship is Essential.** You may word these differently and perhaps even add to them.

For now, **REVIEW THE EXHORTATIONS AGAIN (PAGES 10-11) AND DECIDE WHICH OF THESE THREE CATEGORIES THEY BELONG IN.** Write down the reference and a few key words in the appropriate boxes on pages 12-13. Note that there is an “OTHER” box for those exhortations that you do not think fit very well with Gary’s top three.

THE EXHORTATIONS OF HEBREWS

(including direct and implied commands)

- 2:1** Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. **2**For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, **3**how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?
- 3:1** Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus,
- 3:12** Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. **13**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.
- 4:1** Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.
- 4:11** Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.
- 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- 4:16** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- 6:1** Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity,
- 6:11** And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end, **12**so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- 6:18** so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.
- 10:19** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, **20**by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, **21**and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **22**let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. **23**Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24**And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25**not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.
- 10:26** For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27**but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries. **28**Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. **29**How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?
- 10:32** But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, **33**sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. **34**For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. **35**Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. **36**For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

THE EXHORTATIONS OF HEBREWS

(including direct and implied commands)

10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 12:3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. **4**In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. **5**And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. **6**For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

12:9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

12:12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. 15See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; 16that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

12:25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

12:28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, **29**for our God is a consuming fire.

13:1 Let brotherly love continue. 2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. **3**Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. **4**Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. **5**Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

13:9 Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

13:13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.

13:15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. **16**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. **17**Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

SORTING THE EXHORTATIONS OF HEBREWS

Place the exhortations in the letter to the Hebrews (found on the previous two pages) into one of the following categories. If you do not think it fits in one of the top three, put it in the "OTHER" grouping. Include the chapter and verse reference and a few-word summary for each one.

FOCUS ON JESUS! *Commands to draw near and hold fast to Jesus:*

FAILURE IS FATAL! *Warnings related to falling away:*



FELLOWSHIP IS ESSENTIAL! *Commands that indicate we must do this "together:"*

OTHER:

Hebrews 1:1-2:4

1Long ago, at many times and in many ways,
God spoke to our fathers

by the prophets,
2but in these last days he has spoken to us
by his Son,

whom he appointed the heir of all things,
through whom also he created the world.

3He is the radiance of the glory of God
and the exact imprint of his nature,
and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

After making purification for sins,
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,
4having become as much superior to angels
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5For to which of the angels did God ever say,
“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”?

Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?

6And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world,
he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.”

7Of the angels he says,
“He makes his angels winds and his ministers a flame of fire.”

8But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.

9You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.”

10And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

11they will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment,

12like a robe you will roll them up,
like a garment they will be changed.

But you are the same,
and your years will have no end.”

13And to which of the angels has he ever said,
“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your
feet”?

14Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve
for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

2:1Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard,
lest we drift away from it.

2For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable,
and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution,

3how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

It was declared at first by the Lord,
and it was attested to us by those who heard,
4while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles
and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

FOR CONTEXT About Angels: Angels are likened to the roles of priests and prophets. First, in that they are not objects of worship but instead are worshippers of God (Deut 32:43). Secondly, like a priest, they are ministering servants (Psalm 104:4). Thirdly, they are sent by God’s authority to care for those who inherit salvation and speak against their sins (Judges 2:1-4).

4 KEY STATEMENTS

TEXT:	Hebrews 1:1-2:4
TO BE DONE BEFORE:	Sept. 19, 2021

- 1 Prayerfully, draft an **OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE**, tracing the author's structure and thought-flow.

- 2 Prayerfully, summarize the outline in one sentence. This is your **ORIGINAL READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT**. *What is being talked about (subject), and what is being said about the subject?*

- 3 Prayerfully consider our own time and culture today. Write a **PRESENT-DAY READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT** (*see page 73 in Lewis' Pathways book for an example*).

- 4 Prayerfully consider the truths you have studied. How should you act, think, believe, or love differently because of them? Write out your personal **APPLICATION STATEMENT**.

- A** **BONUS WORK:** Write out a **prayer** based on this week's passage.

- B** **BONUS WORK:** Go to page 56 and write out how you think this passage fits in with the overall message of Hebrews and the **author's big-picture thought-flow**.
- C** **BONUS WORK:** Go to page 57 and capture any references within this passage that tell us how "Jesus is 'BETTER!'"

Hebrews 2:5-18

2:5For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come,
of which we are speaking.

6It has been testified somewhere,
“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

7You made him for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and honor,
8putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him,
he left nothing outside his control.

At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.
9But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels,
namely Jesus,
crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death,
so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

10For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist,
in bringing many sons to glory,
should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

11For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one
source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers,
12saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

13And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

14Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood,
he himself likewise partook of the same things,
that through death he might destroy the one
who has the power of death,
that is, the devil,

15and deliver all those who through fear of death
were subject to lifelong slavery.

16For surely it is not angels that he helps,
but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

17Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect,
so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest
in the service of God,
to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18For because he himself has suffered when tempted,
he is able to help those who are being tempted.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

TEXT:	Hebrews 2:5-18
TO BE DONE BEFORE:	Sept. 26, 2021

- 1 Prayerfully, draft an **OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE**, tracing the author's structure and thought-flow.

- 2 Prayerfully, summarize the outline in one sentence. This is your **ORIGINAL READER'S MESSAGE STATEMENT**. *What is being talked about (subject), and what is being said about the subject?*

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Hebrews 3:1-19

1Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling,
consider Jesus,
the apostle and high priest of our confession,
2who was faithful to him who appointed him,
just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house.

3For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses
—as much more glory as the builder of a house
has more honor than the house itself.
4(For every house is built by someone,
but the builder of all things is God.)

5Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant,
to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,
6but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.

And we are his house,
if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,
"Today, if you hear his voice,
8do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
on the day of testing in the wilderness,
9where your fathers put me to the test
and saw my works for forty years.
10Therefore I was provoked with that generation,
and said, 'They always go astray in their heart;
they have not known my ways.'
11 As I swore in my wrath,
'They shall not enter my rest.'"

12Take care, brothers,
lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart,
leading you to fall away from the living God.

13But exhort one another every day,
as long as it is called "today,"
that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

14For we have come to share in Christ,
if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

15As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

16For who were those who heard and yet rebelled?
Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

17And with whom was he provoked for forty years?
Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest,
but to those who were disobedient?

19So we see that they were unable to enter
because of unbelief.

FOR CONTEXT The Wilderness Wandering: Immediately after the pinnacle moment of the Exodus, crossing the Red Sea (Ex 14:15-31), there are numerous accounts of rebellion and wanting to return to Egypt (Ex 17:2-3; 32:1-10; Num 14:1-4; 16:1-3; 20:1-5; 21:4-5). Though they made covenant with God, numerous times they break it and turn away from God, hardening their hearts.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

TEXT:	Hebrews 3:1-19
TO BE DONE BEFORE:	Oct. 3, 2021

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Hebrews 4:1-13

1Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands,
let us fear
lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.

2For good news came to us just as to them,
but the message they heard did not benefit them,
because they were not united by faith with those who listened.

3For we who have believed enter that rest,
as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest,"

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way:
"And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."

5And again in this passage he said,
"They shall not enter my rest."

6Since therefore it remains for some to enter it,
and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter
because of disobedience,

7again he appoints a certain day, "Today,"
saying through David so long afterward,
in the words already quoted,
"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

8For if Joshua had given them rest,
God would not have spoken of another day later on.

9So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,
10for whoever has entered God's rest
has also rested from his works as God did from his.

11Let us therefore strive to enter that rest,
so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

12For 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.

13And no creature is hidden from his sight,
but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must give account.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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Hebrews 4:14-5:10

14Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

5:1For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

2He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness.
3Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

4And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

6as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

8Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

9And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

10being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

FOR CONTEXT The High Priest: Jewish High Priest would first offer sacrifices for their sins and then the sins of the people. They represented the people to God and conversely God to the people as the mediator between people and God.

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Hebrews 5:11-6:10

5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain,
since you have become dull of hearing.

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers,
you need someone to teach you again
the basic principles of the oracles of God.

You need milk, not solid food,
13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled
in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

14 But solid food is for the mature,
for those who have their powers of discernment trained
by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ
and go on to maturity,
not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works
and of faith toward God,

2 and of instruction about washings,
the laying on of hands,
the resurrection of the dead,
and eternal judgment.

3 And this we will do if God permits.

4 For it is impossible, in the case of those
who have once been enlightened,
who have tasted the heavenly gift,
and have shared in the Holy Spirit,

5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God
and the powers of the age to come,

6 and then have fallen away,
to restore them again to repentance,
since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm
and holding him up to contempt.

7 For land that has drunk the rain that often falls on it,
and produces a crop useful to those for whose sake it is cultivated,
receives a blessing from God.

8 But if it bears thorns and thistles,
it is worthless and near to being cursed,
and its end is to be burned.

9 Though we speak in this way,
yet in your case, beloved, we feel sure of better things
—things that belong to salvation.

10 For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work
and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints,
as you still do.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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Hebrews 6:11 – 7:10

6:11 And we desire each one of you to show the same earnestness to have the full assurance of hope until the end,
12 so that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, **14** saying, “Surely I will bless you and multiply you.”

15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.

16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation.

17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath,

18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, **20** where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

7:1 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, **2** and to him Abraham apportioned a tenth part of everything.

He is first, by translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then he is also king of Salem, that is, king of peace.

3 He is without father or mother or genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but resembling the Son of God he continues a priest forever.

4 See how great this man was to whom Abraham the patriarch gave a tenth of the spoils!

5 And those descendants of Levi who receive the priestly office have a commandment in the law to take tithes from the people, that is, from their brothers, though these also are descended from Abraham.

6 But this man who does not have his descent from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises.

7 It is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. **8** In the one case tithes are received by mortal men, but in the other case, by one of whom it is testified that he lives.

9 One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, **10** for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him.

FOR CONTEXT Who is Melchizedek: His name means “king of justice,” and he was the king of Salem, meaning “peace.” Perhaps even the founder of Jerusalem, and the Priest of the Most High God. Since there is no known genealogy of Melchizedek, it is believed he was an angel, a son of God.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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Hebrews 7:11-28

11 Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron?

12 For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well.

13 For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests.

15 This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek,

16 who has become a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement concerning bodily descent, but by the power of an indestructible life. **17** For it is witnessed of him, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

18 For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness

19 (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

20 And it was not without an oath.

For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, **21** but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to him:

"The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever.'"

22 This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant.

23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office,

24 but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.

27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

FOR CONTEXT Everlasting Covenants: In the Old Testament, God had made a few Everlasting Covenants. That is, whatever God promised in that covenant would never end. He did this with Noah, Abraham, and David. Yet, the covenant made with Moses is never described as Everlasting, which means that covenant ended with Jesus establishing the New Covenant. In this New Covenant, the law of God is not inscribed on stone but on our hearts.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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Hebrews 8:1-13

1 Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest,
one who is seated at the right hand of the throne
of the Majesty in heaven,
2a minister in the holy places,
in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices;
thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.

4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all,
since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law.

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things.
For when Moses was about to erect the tent,
he was instructed by God,
saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern
that was shown you on the mountain."

6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more
excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better,
since it is enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless,
there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

8 For he finds fault with them when he says:
"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah,

9 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
on the day when I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt.

For they did not continue in my covenant,
and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

11 And they shall not teach,
each one his neighbor
and each one his brother,
saying, 'Know the Lord,'
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more."

13 In speaking of a new covenant,
he makes the first one obsolete.
And what is becoming obsolete
and growing old
is ready to vanish away.

FOR CONTEXT Atonement: There is a clear contrast between the atoning sacrifices of the law and the atoning sacrifice of Christ. The law merely covered our sinful nature with a blanket allowing righteousness in appearance, but Jesus' atoning sacrifice brought transformation from the inside of us.

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Hebrews 9:1-14

1Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship
and an earthly place of holiness.

2For a tent was prepared, the first section,
in which were the lampstand and the table
and the bread of the Presence.
It is called the Holy Place.

3Behind the second curtain was a second section
called the Most Holy Place,

4having the golden altar of incense
and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold,
in which was a golden urn holding the manna,
and Aaron's staff that budded,
and the tablets of the covenant.

5Above it were the cherubim of glory
overshadowing the mercy seat.
Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

6These preparations having thus been made,
the priests go regularly into the first section,
performing their ritual duties,

7but into the second only the high priest goes,
and he but once a year,
and not without taking blood,
which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

8By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places
is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing
9(which is symbolic for the present age).

According to this arrangement,
gifts and sacrifices are offered
that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper,
10but deal only with food and drink and various washings,
regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

11But when Christ appeared as a high priest
of the good things that have come,
then through the greater and more perfect tent
(not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)

12he entered once for all into the holy places,
not by means of the blood of goats and calves
but by means of his own blood,
thus securing an eternal redemption.

13For if the blood of goats and bulls,
and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer,
sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

14how much more will the blood of Christ,
who through the eternal Spirit offered himself
without blemish to God,
purify our conscience from dead works
to serve the living God.

FOR CONTEXT Sacrificial System: Blood in the Jewish sacrificial system was from an animal that meet all the requirements given in the Law, it would be sprinkled all over and whatever it touched was now ceremonially clean, but it could never remove guilt nor change a person. Christ blood, which we symbolically take in communion, removes the guilt as well, bringing a true and complete cleansing.

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Hebrews 9:15-28

15Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,
so that those who are called
may receive the promised eternal inheritance,
since a death has occurred
that redeems them from the transgressions committed
under the first covenant.

16For where a will is involved,
the death of the one who made it must be established.

17For a will takes effect only at death,
since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

18Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

19For when every commandment of the law had been declared
by Moses to all the people,
he took the blood of calves and goats,
with water and scarlet wool and hyssop,
and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,
20saying, "This is the blood of the covenant
that God commanded for you."

21And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood
both the tent and all the vessels used in worship.

22Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood,
and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

23Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things
to be purified with these rites,
but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

24For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands,
which are copies of the true things,
but into heaven itself,
now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

25Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly,
as the high priest enters the holy places every year
with blood not his own,

26for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly
since the foundation of the world.
But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages
to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27And just as it is appointed for man to die once,
and after that comes judgment,
28so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many,
will appear a second time,
not to deal with sin
but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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Hebrews 10:1-25

1For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

2Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?

3But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.

4For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

6in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

7Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

8When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),

9then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

10And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

12But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

13waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

14For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

15And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," **17**then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

18Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, **20**by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,

21and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

22let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

24And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25**not neglecting to meet together,

as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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Hebrews 10:26-39

26For if we go on sinning deliberately
after receiving the knowledge of the truth,
there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27but a fearful expectation of judgment,
and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.

28Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy
on the evidence of two or three witnesses.

29How much worse punishment, do you think,
will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God,
and has profaned the blood of the covenant
by which he was sanctified,
and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

30For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay."
And again, "The Lord will judge his people."

31It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32But recall the former days when,
after you were enlightened,
you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,
33sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction,
and sometimes being partners with those so treated.

34For you had compassion on those in prison,
and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property,
since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession
and an abiding one.

35Therefore do not throw away your confidence,
which has a great reward.

36For you have need of endurance,
so that when you have done the will of God
you may receive what is promised.

37For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not
delay;

38 but my righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back,
my soul has no pleasure in him."

39But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed,
but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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Hebrews 11:1-16

1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

2For by it the people of old received their commendation.

3By faith we understand that the universe was created
by the word of God,
so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

4By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain,
through which he was commended as righteous,
God commending him by accepting his gifts.
And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

5By faith Enoch was taken up
so that he should not see death, and he was not found,
because God had taken him.
Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

6And without faith it is impossible to please him,
for whoever would draw near to God
must believe that he exists
and that he rewards those who seek him.

7By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen,
in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household.
By this he condemned the world
and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called
to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance.
And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9By faith he went to live in the land of promise,
as in a foreign land,
living in tents with Isaac and Jacob,
heirs with him of the same promise.

10For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations,
whose designer and builder is God.

11By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive,
even when she was past the age,
since she considered him faithful who had promised.

12Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead,
were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven
and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13These all died in faith, not having received the things promised,
but having seen them and greeted them from afar,
and having acknowledged that they were strangers
and exiles on the earth.

14For people who speak thus
make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out,
they would have had opportunity to return.

16But as it is, they desire a better country,
that is, a heavenly one.
Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God,
for he has prepared for them a city.

SCRIPTURE INDEX: Abel (Genesis 4:1-16), Enoch (Genesis 5:21-24), Noah (Genesis 6:9-22), Abraham (Genesis 12:1-9; 15; 22), Sarah (Genesis 18:1-15)

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Hebrews 11:17-40

- 17**By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, **18**of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” **19**He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.
- 20**By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. **21**By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. **22**By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.
- 23**By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. **24**By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, **25**choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. **26**He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. **27**By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. **28**By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.
- 29**By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. **30**By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. **31**By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.
- 32**And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— **33**who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, **34**quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. **35**Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. **36**Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. **37**They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— **38**of whom the world was not worthy— wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. **39**And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, **40**since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

SCRIPTURE INDEX: Isaac (Genesis 28:1-9), Jacob (49), Joseph (Genesis 50:14-26), Moses’ Parents (Exodus 2:1-10), Moses (Exodus 12-13), Red Sea (Exodus 14:15-31), Jericho and Rehab (Joshua 2; 6), Gideon (Judges 6-8), Barak (Judges 4), Samson (Judges 13-16), Jephthah (Judges 11-12:7), David (1 Samuel 24), Samuel (1 Samuel 3).

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Hebrews 12:1-17

1Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight,
and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
2looking to Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself,
so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.
4In your struggle against sin
you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

5And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?
“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reprovved by him.
6For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

7It is for discipline that you have to endure.
God is treating you as sons.
For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
8If you are left without discipline,
in which all have participated,
then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

9Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us
and we respected them.
Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?
10For they disciplined us
for a short time
as it seemed best to them,
but he disciplines us
for our good,
that we may share his holiness.

11For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant,
but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness
to those who have been trained by it.

12Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,
13and make straight paths for your feet,
so that what is lame may not be put out of joint
but rather be healed.

14Strive for peace with everyone,
and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

15See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;
that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble,
and by it many become defiled;

16that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau,
who sold his birthright for a single meal.

17For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing,
he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent,
though he sought it with tears.

4 KEY STATEMENTS

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Hebrews 12:18-28

18For you have not come to what may be touched,
a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest

19and the sound of a trumpet
and a voice whose words made the hearers beg
that no further messages be spoken to them.

20For they could not endure the order that was given,
“If even a beast touches the mountain,
it shall be stoned.”

21Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said,
“I tremble with fear.”

22But you have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem,

23and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,
and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven,
and to God, the judge of all,
and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

24and to Jesus,
the mediator of a new covenant,
and to the sprinkled blood
that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25See that you do not refuse him who is speaking.
For if they did not escape
when they refused him who warned them on earth,
much less will we escape
if we reject him who warns from heaven.

26At that time his voice shook the earth,
but now he has promised,
“Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.”

27This phrase, “Yet once more,”
indicates the removal of things that are shaken—
that is, things that have been made—
in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

28Therefore let us be grateful
for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship,
with reverence and awe,

29for our God is a consuming fire.

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Hebrews 13:1-6

1Let brotherly love continue.

2Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers,
for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

3Remember those who are in prison,
as though in prison with them,
and those who are mistreated,
since you also are in the body.

4Let marriage be held in honor among all,
and let the marriage bed be undefiled,
for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

5Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have,
for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

6So we can confidently say,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

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Hebrews 13:7-17

7Remember your leaders,
those who spoke to you the word of God.
Consider the outcome of their way of life,
and imitate their faith.

8Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

9Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings,
for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace,
not by foods,
which have not benefited those devoted to them.

10We have an altar
from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat.

11For the bodies of those animals
whose blood is brought into the holy places
by the high priest
as a sacrifice for sin
are burned outside the camp.

12So Jesus also suffered outside the gate
in order to sanctify the people
through his own blood.

13Therefore let us go to him
outside the camp
and bear the reproach he endured.

14For here we have no lasting city,
but we seek the city that is to come.

15Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice
of praise to God,
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

16Do not neglect to do good
and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

17Obey your leaders and submit to them,
for they are keeping watch over your souls,
as those who will have to give an account.
Let them do this with joy
and not with groaning,
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Hebrews 13:18-25

18 Pray for us,
for we are sure that we have a clear conscience,
desiring to act honorably in all things.

19 I urge you the more earnestly to do this
in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now may the God of peace
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
21 equip you with everything good
that you may do his will,
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight,
through Jesus Christ,
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 I appeal to you, brothers,
bear with my word of exhortation,
for I have written to you briefly.

23 You should know that our brother Timothy has been released,
with whom I shall see you if he comes soon.

24 Greet all your leaders and all the saints.
Those who come from Italy send you greetings.

25 Grace be with all of you.

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BIG PICTURE THOUGHT-FLOW

(Week-by-week gathering the Big Ideas and Connecting Thoughts)

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Hebrews 1:1-2:4		
Hebrews 2:5-18		
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Hebrews 4:14-5:10		
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Hebrews 6:11 - 7:10		
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Hebrews 13:18-25		

10 WEEKS TO LEARN: BIBLE STUDY WORKSHEET

Based on PATHWAYS BIBLE STUDY METHOD by Alan Lewis, with adaptations by Gerhard deBock

Work through the steps, making notes on your observations and questions that need further study.

There are FOUR KEY STATEMENTS that you will write out: (1) PASSAGE OUTLINE, (2) ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT, (3) PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT, and (4) YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT.



△ = How far a rookie will go through the steps each week, always beginning at the start.

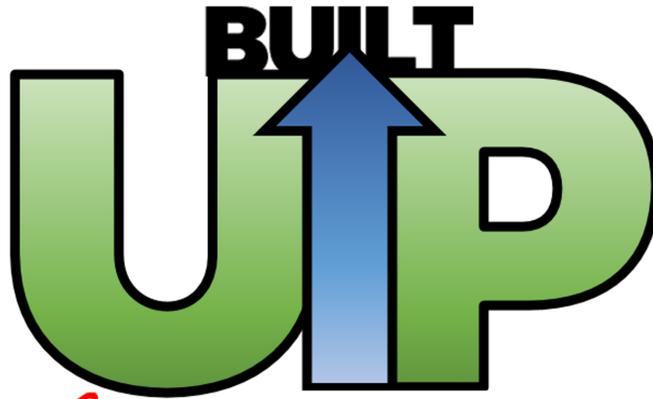
ALWAYS START WITH PRAYER		OBSERVATIONS / QUESTIONS
1 PRAYERFULLY & CAREFULLY READ	Carefully Read/Listen to - if possible, the entire book or letter, to gain the big picture.	
	Carefully Read/Listen to the specific passage	
	What seems to be the overall message of the passage?	
2 ASK GOOD QUESTIONS	Who is the human author of the Scripture passage? What do we know about him?	
	To whom is the passage addressed? What do we know about them?	
	What is the author's purpose in writing the passage? Is it to warn? Admonish? Discipline? Instruct? Encourage? Inform? Something else?	
	What are the words or phrases in the passage that seem key? Can you define them as the author would have?	
3 OBSERVE THE CONTEXT	What insights do we gain from looking immediately before and after this passage?	
	Does the author of the book use the word elsewhere in his writings? If so, does its use there shed light on the usage here?	
	What backgrounds would the author have in mind?	
	Are there things that the author seems to assume that the original readers would have understood?	
	Are there words that have a technical or semi-technical definition from earlier Biblical writings?	
4 PRE-UNDERSTANDING?	What were the assumptions and presuppositions we had about this passage and its subject BEFORE we started? Commit to "STAY ON THE LINE" by not adding to the Word, nor taking away from it.	
5 LINKING WORDS?	Are there conjunctions that could be clues to the flow of the author's thought? Such as "and," "but," "since," "therefore," "in spite of," "so."	
6 OBSERVE THE STRUCTURE & FLOW	What are the main subjects of this passage?	
	What is the author saying about these subjects?	
	How do the subjects logically flow from one to another?	
	Are there other patterns such as comparisons or repetitions?	
	What is the author's purpose for including this passage in the whole flow of his work?	
WRITE AN OUTLINE OF THE PASSAGE TRACING THE AUTHOR'S THOUGHT-FLOW:		

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	Was it as a promise or assurance? A command? An example? A sin to avoid? A warning to heed?	
	Was it a truth about Himself, or the Church, or some other key topic?	
	Does your statement include the author's main points and his purpose for writing the passage?	
HOW AIM FITS THE SALVATION STORY	FOLLOW THE FLOW OF THOUGHT IN THE PASSAGE AND SUMMARIZE IT IN ONE SENTENCE. THIS IS YOUR ORIGINAL READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT:	
	Where along the timeline of salvation history does this passage fall?	
	If the passage is from the Old Testament, how should our application differ from the original readers? <i>Consider what Jesus fulfilled in His life, death, and resurrection.</i>	
What other passages in the Bible have a similar theme to the one in this passage?		
WRITE PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT	How is the Original Message Statement still for us today, as seen through the lens of the Bible's history of salvation?	
	Does your message statement lead you to depend more upon and rejoice in Jesus?	
WRITE A PRESENT-DAY READERS' MESSAGE STATEMENT:		
POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS	<i>Using 2 Timothy 3:16-17 as a guide . . .</i> TEACHING: What's RIGHT in this passage about Who God is or what He has done; about who I am or what I am to do? REBUKING: What's WRONG in my life that needs to change? CORRECTION: How should I do, think or love differently? TRAINING: What are my next steps? How/when should I take these next steps?	
	Prayerfully choose the applications the Holy Spirit wants you to make at this time.	
WRITE YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT	WRITE OUT YOUR APPLICATION STATEMENT:	



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