

Morning sermon series – Anchored: Find Grace, Stand Firm

Feeling Stuck? (Hebrews 5v11-6v12)

Is there anything concerning, or wrong, with being spiritually slothful?

1) Seeming Stuck (5v11-6v3)

The writer tells his readers that they are slow to hear, that they seem to be stuck spiritually and that what they've learned hasn't sunk in properly (5v11-12). He says they are spiritual infants (5v13-14), and tells them to “Move on!” (6v1) to maturity, by God’s enabling (6v3). That maturity comes from grasping who Jesus is and what he has done.

The problem with being spiritually stuck and slothful is: it is a dangerous place to be. *What do you do if you feel spiritually stuck?*

2) Being In Danger (6v4-8)

Spiritually unresponsive faith is dangerous because it can turn out to be no faith at all (v4-8). Notice how the description here in verses 4 and 5 applies to the wilderness generation (see also 1 Cor 10v1-5). The writer has in mind people who have been around true believers, heard God’s word, and seen the Spirit at work (v4-5). But they’re spiritually slothful and end up forsaking Jesus Christ (v6), publicly dissociating from him and deliberately scorning him (see also Heb 10v26-31). The result is they cannot ever be restored again to repentance, and are lost.

The point is not that true believers can be lost, they cannot (Hebrews 3v6, 14; John 6v37-40). But it is possible to look like you may be saved for a while, but end up beyond hope and facing only judgement. So, if you’re spiritually unresponsive, “Move on, Get out of there!” *How?*

3) Being In Earnest (6v9-12)

Verses 11 and 12 tell us how to do that. We all need to be very sure to hold firmly to the hope that only Christ gives, trusting him personally, and so patiently inheriting what he has promised (v11-12). It has to be personal between you and Jesus.

Anchored in the Promise of the Son!

Evening sermon series – God’s Kindness to Us

God’s Generosity and the Sacrificial Disciple