



Better Home: Hebrews 10v32-11v4

The writer is encouraging us to persevere, even when it might seem too hard to do so, because God is faithful to the end, without fail. This passage gives us strong motivations to keep going as a Christian, to keep walking home.

1) Remember God's work in you (10v32-35)

These people are again facing trials and suffering because of their faith. They are to remember how, in the past, the Spirit of God convinced them of the truth about Jesus and enabled them to endure with joy, even when their property was confiscated (v32-34).

They did this because they were convinced of that better home that God guaranteed them by his promise (v34). We too can remember God's past work in us, how we gladly gave things up in order to gain Christ and how God's faithfulness brought us through past sufferings. And so we don't throw away our confidence now, which is rooted in God not ourselves, and which will be richly rewarded (v35).

2) Keep walking home (10v36-39, 11v4)

We must persevere (v36), because Christ is coming again as Judge and Saviour (9v28, 10v25, v37). Shrinking back leads to destruction (v39), but living by faith leads to salvation (v39) and meets God's pleasure (v38). Wonderfully, the one who lives by faith pleases God now and is right with him (v38, Psalm 147v11). Just as Abel approached God in the way God desired (11v4), so we are invited to draw near with the full assurance that faith and the death of Jesus bring (10v22). God loves us as he loves the Son, and so he truly delights in us. That's a great motivation to keep walking home into his arms.

3) See your future (11v1-3)

Chapter 11 shows us what the writer means by this "faith" that pleases God (11v5-6). Such faith sees the future clearly. It sees the salvation Jesus has accomplished and the better hope God has promised us through him (11v1). It is sufficiently convinced that the person's whole approach to life and its priorities is changed.

The realities that explain why we are here and that make the difference between life and death can only be grasped by faith (v3). This is the way to approach the living God. *Are we living by faith in the Son? Are we walking with Christ towards that heavenly country and home (11v16) he has prepared for us? Are you seeing where you are headed?*

