

Hold Fast to Patience
Hebrews 10:30-39
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Hebrews 10:30-39: For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. ³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. ³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions. ³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. ³⁶ You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. ³⁷ For, "In just a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay." ³⁸ And, "But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back." ³⁹ But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ the spiritual power of patience

_____ strength: God's people shall be without strength, except the patient ones who wait upon the Lord will be transformed from weakness into strength.... Isaiah 40:30b-31 (JOT)

_____ endurance: Through your patience you will preserve your soul!... You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt becomes tasteless...it has no strength for anything....
Luke 21:19 and Matthew 5:13 (JOT)

2. _____ to greater endurance

_____ ready: Let us hold fast in an unwavering determination to express this hope because the God who promises is faithful, and let us be ready to encourage each other toward love and good works!
Hebrews 10:23-24 (JOT)

_____ confident: Remember those early days after you first saw the light? Those were the hard times!... Nothing they did bothered you, nothing set you back. So don't throw it all away now.
Hebrews (MSG)

_____ your _____: The righteous shall live by faith....We are not people who drop their sails and drift carelessly into destruction! Instead, we expectantly set our sails in faith to defend our very souls.
Hebrews 10:38a-39 (JOT)

3. _____ the power of patience

_____ to Christ: I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble and suffering, but take courage— I have conquered the world."
John 16:33 (NET)

Spiritual Action Step:

Do you find yourself living in a frustrating impatience? Do you long for the courage to confront your fear and despair? Are you giving in to the worst part of yourself rather than offering your best? The Psalmist says: *The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life-- of whom shall I be afraid?* (Psalm 27:1 (NIV)) Let the power of this confidence frame your life. God wants to know you and share his love with you. Jesus came in order to make this clear to everyone who will listen. Hear Jesus' voice today and call upon him while he is near. This week, read Psalm 27 and Hebrews 10 to allow the Holy Spirit to empower your hope and the confidence of God's presence.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; MSG: The Message; NET: New English Translation.