<u>The Letter To The Hebrews</u> How To Strengthen Your Endurance Hebrews 10:32-39			
Because Jesus is the perfect high priest with a perfect sacrifice for our sins	<u>Therefore</u> draw near to God hold fast to your hope, encourage each other	Because otherwise we could face judgment forever	Therefore stir up your confidence so you have the endurance you need
Chapters 5—10:18	10:19-25	10:26-31	10:32-39

Introduction

The road to heaven takes us through many tribulations (Acts 14:22). That's why we need what the Bible calls "endurance." In Hebrews 10:32-39 the author tells us how we can strengthen our endurance.

What did he want them to recall? (32-34a)

He wanted them to recall their early years as believers — how they endured many trials joyfully.

What enabled them to have such endurance? (34b)

Where does endurance come from? Not from will-power, or from duty, or from "we're supposed to." Endurance comes from knowing we have a better and lasting possession: God Himself.

Why did he want them to recall this? (35a)

It's because they were in danger of throwing away their confidence.

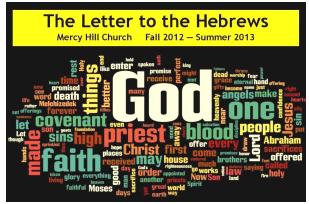
- This confidence is what he mentioned in v.34 it's the confidence that in God they have a better and abiding possession.
- He wants them to remember how much endurance they had, and why they had this endurance, so they can see how far they have drifted so they won't throw it away.

Why is it so crucial that this confidence not be thrown away? (35b-39)

Because this confidence will bring you a great reward (35b)

- Because this confidence will give you the endurance you need (36)
- Because this confidence will not be disappointed (37)
- Because this confidence will keep you from destruction (38-39)

Passages to help you see God as a better and lasting possession: Exo 15:11; Psa 73:25f; Phil 3:8-9; Rev 5:9-10; Rev 7:9-10; Rev 21:1-4.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

Do you agree that the road to heaven takes us through many tribulations — which means we need endurance? Why or why not? (See Acts 14:22).

Endurance means trusting trust even when it's hard. So, in the past, how have you tried to stir up endurance?

Can you see how knowing that God is your better and abiding possession will give you endurance? Why or why not?

In what areas of your life do you now need endurance?

How could we tell when we ARE knowing that God is your better and abiding possession? How could we tell when we ARE NOT?

Is your confidence strong that God is your better possession? Is it weakening? Are you in danger of throwing it away?

What can you do to strengthen your confidence in God as your better possession — and as a result to strengthen your endurance?

What is God saying to you through this passage?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

