

The Epistle to the Hebrews

An Appeal for Endurance

An Appeal to Followers of Christ

To maintain their confidence and hope in Him,
to persevere, to remain steadfast to the end
(3:6, 14; 6:11–12; 10:23, 36, 39; 12:1).

To Help Us Endure...

- ◉ God has spoken to us through **Jesus**, and no one has better credentials than Him (1:1–4).

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- These words of Jesus—we need them all, the the milk and the meat, the elementary and the advanced (5:12–6:3).

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- These same **words of Jesus** provide numerous examples of people who did endure, including Jesus Himself (12:1–3; 6:11–12; 11:27; 13:7).

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- ◉ The temptations and trials we face—**Jesus** has been through them, too, and in His role as High Priest, He promises to help us through them all (2:16–18; 4:14–16; 7:25).

To Help Us Endure...

- ◉ The things we endure for **Jesus' sake**, the suffering we endure for doing right—it's all part of the training regimen. It may be painful NOW, BUT "AFTERWARD it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness" (12:11).

To Help Us Endure...

- ◉ We need family time—time with our family **in the Lord**, both in the assemblies (10:24–25), and outside the assemblies (3:12–13).

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- ◉ We need to recall the enthusiasm we had when we first obeyed the gospel, the confidence in **Jesus**, the willingness to endure anything for His sake. **WHY** we did so **then** is **WHY** we still should **today** (10:32–35).

To Help Us Endure...

- ◉ The prize, or the reward Jesus offers for endurance—it sure beats anything this world has to offer! (6:10; 10:35–39; 11:6, 16, 26; 13:14).