

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Hebrews 6:10-12.

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Peat, Marwick, & Mitchell experience with Marty and the maquiladora presentation.
2. The Hebrew brethren had been working, showing love, ministering and they were still doing these things.
3. They were suffering as Christians at the hands of the Jews. Hebrews 10:32-34; 13:3, 23
4. They were in danger of becoming sluggish, slothful.
5. Instead of slowing down or giving up, the Hebrew writer wanted the Hebrew brethren to keep on keeping on.
6. The book of Hebrews is a fitting word of exhortation for us all. We start out well, but we ultimately learn that the Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint, and because it's sometimes a difficult life, we, like the Hebrew Christians, are sometimes tempted to become sluggish, slothful.
7. I hope and pray that by looking at how the Hebrew writer encouraged the Hebrew Christians, we might be encouraged as well.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. **There is no better place to go.** Yes, there is a high cost to discipleship. In fact, there is only one thing that carries a higher cost, non-discipleship. Hebrews 10:26-31; 12:25-29.
2. **We can't go to heaven if we slow down on earth.** Hebrews 3:6B, 12-14; 10:35-39.
3. **There is purpose for suffering.** Hebrews 12:5-11.
4. **We must keep our eye on the prize.** Hebrews 6:12, 19A; 10:32-36; 11:10, 13-16, 26; 12:2; 13:14.
5. **Heaven will surely be worth it all.** Hebrews 4:9-11.
6. **It is a sure promise.** Hebrews 6:13-19A.
7. **God has been here, done this.** Hebrews 2:10-11, 16B-18; 5:8.
8. **Other people have been here, done this.** Where are they now? Hebrews 11:32-39A; 12:1.

**APPLICATIONS:**

1. **Fear.** Hebrews 4:1, 12-13.
2. **Study.** Hebrews 2:1-4.
3. **Pray.** Hebrews 4:14-16.
4. **Believe.** Hebrews 10:22A; 3:12, 19; 10:39; 11:27.
5. **Obey.** Hebrews 10:23A.
6. **Build other people up, don't let them tear you down.** Hebrews 10:24-25; 12:14-17; 13:1.
7. **Keep perspective.** Hebrews 12:3-4.
8. **Focus on the good in the bad.** Hebrews 13:15.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. The rest of the Peat, Marwick, & Mitchell story.
2. Hebrews 12:12-13; 13:20-21.

