

1 | Lasting Possession

For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.

HEBREWS 10:34

One right way to respond to struggles is to accept them *joyfully*, keeping your eyes fixed on the *abiding possession*. When this letter was written, one form of persecution against the believers was that thieves could steal from them and the government would not arrest the thieves. The author of Hebrews encouraged believers that they had a lasting possession in God, even if they lost their earthly possessions. We, too, can maintain great faith in spite of losing our temporary belongings, because we have a lasting possession in Jesus. What is one thing you had to give up on earth, knowing you would have an eternal reward?

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2 | Great Reward

Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. **HEBREWS 10:35**

The author of Hebrews pleaded that the believers should not give up their faith and certainty in God, which would carry them through the temporary discomfort on earth. He asked them to recall their former confidence, which has a great eternal reward. Was there a time that your confidence in the promises of God was shaken? How did you respond?

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3 | Better Promise

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. **HEBREWS 10:36**

Continuing, the author of Hebrews exhorted the believers to look forward so they could endure trials happening right now. After Christ rose, He fulfilled the Law; the promise of God is not something that we have to earn, but something already waiting for us. The Bible says we can look forward to receiving what was promised once we *have done the will of God*. How does God's purpose and plan encourage you and keep you looking forward?

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APPLICATION

- Have you put your hope and faith in the eternal God, our great reward? Would you like to pray with someone about putting your hope in Him?
- Do you respond in the right way to struggles and hardships? What are some things you can do this week to begin responding in faith and confidence in God?
- Is anyone close to you experiencing hardship? Pray with them to renew their faith.