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Get Close and Hold on Tight Hebrews 10:19-25

Why do we have confidence? Hebrews 10:19-21

Hebrews 10:19-20 – *“we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way...”*

- We used to not be able to get close to God and relied on priests and rituals.
- Jesus is a new and living way to get close enough to hold on tight.
- Since we have all the gifts described in vs. 19-21, let’s actually use them.

Draw near Hebrews 10:22

“Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith...”

- Our confidence allows us to approach God with a sincere and true heart.
- Our confidence allows us to have assurance of our faith.
 - Our hearts are sprinkled - this is God’s covering work through the shed blood of Jesus.
 - Our bodies are washed. This is perfect tense - you have been washed and are still being washed.

Hold fast Hebrews 10:23

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.”

- Another reminder that this is all about Jesus and we need to hold on tightly to Him.
- Why do we hold tight? Because God is faithful to His promises.

Stimulate others Hebrews 10:24-25

Hebrews 10:24 – *“...stimulate one another to love and good deeds...”*

- We must hold on to Jesus, but keep our eyes open to help others help people.
- We need to meet together in pairs, in groups, and in larger gatherings.
- We need to encourage each other in these difficult days.

RESPONSE: Do something! Pray and Go. Spend time praying and holding on to Jesus but then look up for ways to encourage, love, do good deeds, and stimulate one another to serve God.



DIGGING DEEPER

HEBREWS 10:19-25

1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. ***“Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life.”***

2 Read the Text: Hebrews 10:19-25 & 2 Timothy 2:13

Read the text a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passage is saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate on that.
- Do you feel as if you can truly draw near to God? What would it be to draw near as your authentic self - with your scars, fears, joys, and all? What hinders you from drawing near to God? Talk with the Lord about this.
- God is faithful. Consider Hebrews 10:23 & 2 Timothy 2:13. What does it look like for you to hold tightly to Jesus in your current life situations and circumstances? How does God’s faithfulness help you hold tightly to Him in the midst of hard times?
- Pause for a moment. Ask the Lord to show you how you can encourage another and stimulate him or her to love and good deeds. Open up to the Lord and be ready to receive what He has for you. Who does he put on your heart?

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: [“Draw Me Close”](#) by Shane + Shane

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God’s loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

May you know that God is near and that, through the blood of Jesus, we now have access to draw near to Him. May you trust that He is faithful as you seek to serve, encourage, and love those around you.

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting “**Card**” to **970-00**

Connect in a LifeGroup: Grow in community together this fall with others from Calvary. There will be some groups meeting online, as well as smaller off-campus groups meeting in-person. Browse groups to join, or consider helping to start a new group by filling out the Leader Interest Form at calvarylife.org/groups

Discover More: Learn about ways you can connect to life at Calvary including weekly pastoral updates and online events, find resources to receive care and help through this season, and discover how we are reaching out with the good news of Jesus locally and globally at CalvaryLife.org

RESOURCES

Worship Services: Our Worship Services will be streamed live online from the Worship Center each Sunday at 9:30am in English and there is also a service streamed live from the Chapel in Spanish at 11:00am. Find ways to watch and resources for you and your family on our website at calvarylife.org/live We also have on-campus outdoor services now available. RSVP is required - learn more and sign up on our Church App. Find out more at calvarylife.org/app

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Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

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Alleluia

Father we have come to bow down in worship, Lifting up our hearts we bow down in praise

Chorus: Alleluia Lover of our souls, Alleluia With all of heaven we are singing

Bright and morning star, Your eyes blaze like fire, Shining like the sun, You're our one desire

All the angels cry out holy is the Lord (God), All the earth replies holy are You

Chorus 2: Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Holy are You

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How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty, Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light, And darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, And trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, Sing with me, How great is our God, And all will see how great, How great is our God

And age to age He stands, And time is in His hands, Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son, The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, Worthy of all praise, My heart will sing, How great is our God

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Jesus We Love You

Old things have passed away, Your love has stayed the same, Your constant grace remains the cornerstone

Things that we thought were dead are breathing in life again, You cause your Son to shine on darkest nights

For all that You've done we will pour out our love, This will be our anthem song

Chorus: Jesus we love You, Oh how we love You, You are the one our hearts adore

The hopeless have found their hope, The orphans now have a home, All that was lost has found its place in You

You lift our weary head, You make us strong instead, You took these rags and made us beautiful

Our affection our devotion, Poured out on the feet of Jesus

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Build My Life

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing, Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name, Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe, We live for You, We live for You

Chorus: Holy there is no one like You, There is none beside You, Open up my eyes in wonder

And show me who You are And fill me with Your heart, And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love, It is a firm foundation, I will put my trust in You alone, And I will not be shaken

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