

Stick with the Savior when You Suffer: Hebrews 6:13-20

Be Together

Ask each person in the family to bring an item or picture of something that that is solid or something that provides security or refuge. Guide the discussion to how Christians should find refuge in Jesus and the promises of God granted to them in Him.

Think Together

Summary of Sermon

In this week's sermon, we covered Hebrews 6:13-20. That author in this passage encourages you to patiently trust God. He gives three reasons why.

First, patiently trust God because of His faithfulness to Abraham (13-15). Abraham is cited as an example of a patient faith inheriting the promises. The author of Hebrew quotes Genesis 22. In this chapter, Abraham is instructed to go to a mountain and sacrifice his son Isaac. Isaac was the child God has promised him, who he had waited for and who God gave to Him in his old age through Abraham's barren wife, Sarah. Abraham went to the mountain and was prepared to sacrifice Isaac, trusting that God would in some way keep the promises He had made him: people, place, protection, and programme of blessing. At the last moment, God stopped Abraham from slaying his son, and He provided a substitutionary ram to sacrifice. Abraham's working and lasting faith didn't come back void or empty. God kept His promise. In the same way, we should expect our faith to be answered with God's faithfulness. We don't hope in vain.

Second, patiently trust God because of His unchangeable word (16-18). God, unlike humans, has nothing greater to swear by. Men and their words aren't self-sufficient. God is. God can make promises because He nothing can stop Him from doing what He says He will do. God, therefore, makes a promise and attaches His name to it. He cannot lie. When God promised eternal life to those that trust in Jesus, He will do what He said. So, we who trust in Jesus should continue in patiently waiting for God's promises to be fulfilled in full when they are know fulfilled in part.

Third, patiently trust God because of His perfect Son (19-20). Ultimately, our hope is tied to the finished and continuing work of Jesus. As our substitute, priest, and forerunner, He will usher us into the eternal rest. Though you will suffer in this world, we can know that in Jesus Christ our suffering doesn't have final say. Therefore, we must patiently trust God.

Reflection and Discussion Ideas and Questions

Young Children: Make sure your children know that if they trust in Jesus, they will have eternal life and when suffering comes they must keep trusting in Jesus.

Older Children: Keep working through and reviewing *Question 42: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the Resurrection?* **At the resurrection, believers are raised up in glory; they shall be openly acknowledged and**

acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

Teenagers: If the teen doesn't know the catechism question, work through the same question. Discuss some of the questions that follow. The questions that follow assume that your teen, your spouse, and you are converted. If they or you aren't, then take time to discuss the basic truths of the person and work of Jesus Christ. For those that are Christian discuss the following questions. Have you ever doubted promises of God like eternal life? What type of things cause you to have doubts about God or His promises? Is there anything going on in your life that is discouraging? If so what is it? How come suffering often leads people to doubt God's promises?

Adults: For the adult section I encourage you to discuss what is below briefly in the presence of your children but discuss in more detail with your spouse or another member of the church. Memorize the catechism question. Consider the discussion subjects in the teenager's section.

Listen Together

Summary and Reflection

Read Hebrews 6:13-20. In this passage, the author appeals to his original audience and us to patiently trust God.

1. Who is an example of faith? Why? (13-15)
2. What unchangeable things should give us hope? How should we respond to suffering? (16-18)
3. Who is our hope ultimately tied to? How so or why? (19-20)

Go Together: Faith Walk Suggestions

1. Go through the weekly prayer gram every day and pray through it with your family.
2. Practice catechism at a meal that your family shares daily.

Vista Baptist Weekly Prayer Gram

Pray for One Another: James 5:16

Sunday School Teachers	Sunday School Members	Other
Their Families	Their Families	
Their Request	Their Request	

Pray for Kings and Those in Authority: 1 Timothy 2:2

Local	State	Nation
Your Mayor	Gov. Mike Parson	Pres. Donald Trump

Pray for the Gospel to Spread Among All People: Matthew 9:37-38

Java Banyumasan

Introduction: Most of the Jawa Banyumasan people make their living from farming, and they are fairly advanced in agricultural production. The majority are Muslim, however, most are nominal Muslims. The other one-fifth are serious

Muslims who strictly follow Islamic teachings and are faithful in worship. In addition, there are some Jawa Banyumasan who follow animistic beliefs. They believe there are spirits that come from the unseen world.

Ministry Obstacles: The majority of the Jawa Banyumasan people are Muslim, although most are not strongly committed to Islam.

Outreach Ideas: Pray that the Christians in this people group will grow in maturity and numbers such that they can carry the good news of Christ to their own people.

Pray for the Followers of Christ: Pray for workers needed to sow God's Word into Jawa Banyumasan families, healing and strengthening households with God's blessings. There are followers of Christ among the Jawa Banyumasan people. Pray they will be faithful to fellowship together, encouraging each other and teaching each other. Pray they will be zealous to be real disciples of Christ.

Pray for the Entire People Group: The Jawa Banyumasan people still need assistance to increase their agricultural production. They need more dams; a better irrigation system would help them harvest more than three times as much per year. Development of new industry is still needed outside the city of Cilacap.

Pray for Those Who Feed, Lead, and Care for the Church: Col. 4:3; 2 Thess. 3:1

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