

## In It for the Long Haul

Hebrews 10.32-39

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### Introduction:

- Faith is a **journey**; We need **endurance** to finish this journey
- How do we build endurance?

### Main Points: How can we build endurance?

1. Remember your **persecution**: vs. 32-34
  - it's important to remember the past because the past affect the future. What are they to remember?
  - The process of recollection is sometimes a fruitful pursuit when it calls to mind former lessons, even if those lessons had been learnt in a hard school.
  - How do we remember?
    - Tell **stories**
    - Pictures /art
    - Memorials
2. Anticipate your **reward**: vs. 35-36
  - This is a call to them to remember all that they've already endured and an exhortation that if they give up now that will have all been for **nothing**
  - What is the reward?
    - Escaping the **wrath** of God
    - Experiencing eternal **fellowship** with God, the angels, and the saints
  - Enjoying perfect **peace** and rest forever Hold fast - wrap your arms around the Saviour; he won't let go.
  - Isaiah 53.11; Hebrews 12.2

- How do we build or create a sense of anticipation?
  - **Thinking** about it
  - **Planning** for it
  - **Imaging** that day

### 3. Embrace your faith: 37-39

- Because Jesus is **coming back**
- So that God will take **pleasure** in you;
  - Matthew 25.21
  - Matthew 10.32-33 Luke 12.8-9
- How do we embrace our faith?
  - Practice the **presence** of Christ draw near to God
  - Be familiar with **apologetics**
  - **worship**

### Conclusion:

- Endurance is a process of remembering the past, anticipating the future, but **living** in the present
- William Barclay says it best: "To the writer to the Hebrews, life was a journey that made its way to the presence of Christ. It was therefore never something that could be allowed to drift; it was its end which made the process of life all-important, and only those who endured to the end would be saved. Here is a summons never to be less than our best, and always to remember that the end comes. If life is the road to Christ, no one can afford to miss it or to stop half-way."