

# TCC Community Guide

For the week of April 14, 2024  
Greater Than: A Series in Hebrews

*Before working through this Guide, ensure everyone has listened to the teaching from April 14, 2024.*

*Tonight's reflective reading: 1 Corinthians 15:57, "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

## Content Overview:

*Read aloud together, Hebrews 6:13-20. Pastor Adam taught on this passage, highlighting the following:*

- From Hebrews 5:11-6:12, the author of Hebrews is calling his audience to persevere in their faith. 6:13-20 encourages the congregation that their hope in the prevailing goodness of God and his good work in our lives is not in vain
- God's faithfulness to his promises is demonstrated through history. The author uses Abraham as an example of God's demonstrated faithfulness. In Genesis 22:16-17, God makes promises to Abraham and swears by Himself that He would bless Abraham. The history of Israel testifies to God's faithfulness towards Abraham as all of the promises come to pass. As these promises were given to Abraham and then demonstrated to come to pass, so too, we can hope in the promises that God has given us, knowing they will too will come to pass.
- God's faithfulness to his promises is secured in the finished work of Jesus. The author uses the metaphor of an anchor to illustrate the certainty of our hope - God's hope and purpose for our lives, our security in Christ and opportunity to experience His goodness is not going anywhere. This anchor goes "behind the veil", which is an illusion to the holy of holies in the temple. As Abraham's hope was anchored in God Himself, so too, ours is anchored in the presence of God.
- Jesus' finished work on the cross made a way for us to have hope. A hope not based on subjective wishful thinking, but hope that will not disappoint. The anchor behind the veil invites us to see that we have access to an intimacy with God that was once extremely limited but is not available to all who anchor themselves in Christ.
- When struggling to persevere we may face temptation to place our hope in things other than God. This passage calls us to have our hope anchored in Christ alone.
- In light of this hope we should:
  - Persevere in our faith. We can avoid being lazy or sluggish in our faith when we are hopeful
    - Consider the examples and testimonies of those who have demonstrated faith and patience (v12) as they waited to experience God's goodness.
  - Seek to live our lives in response to the promises of God. Believing that what God's word says is true should shape our lives.
  - Be mindful of how you may have placed hope in people, or things other than God.
  - Resist being crushed under the pressures of life. In difficult seasons we need to discipline ourselves to wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:28-31)

## Discussion Questions:

1. What has resonated with you most from this message and Hebrews 6:13-20?
2. What are you hoping for yourself or loved ones in this season and what would it look like for God's redemptive work to be evidenced in that situation?
3. How does hopeful expectation of God's faithfulness give shape to the way you live your life?
4. Share an example or testimony about God's demonstrated faithfulness.

**End in Prayer:** Invite the group to additional sharing. What are people celebrating these days, what would they like prayer for? Take time to hear prayer requests or testimonies of praise from the group. Give all of these back to the Lord in prayer.

