

ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

“...we his servants will arise and build...”

“Keeping Confidence”

Heb. 10:32-39

Heb. 10:32 But **call to remembrance the former days**, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;
33 Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.

35 **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.**

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

A few weeks ago, we considered the Scriptural principles of “Building Encouragement.” We considered one facet of encouragement by...FACING ADVERSITY AND FIGHTING FOR VICTORY...and, consequently, “Overcoming Discouragement.”

We considered another aspect in developing encouragement – “Building Confidence through the Storms of Life.”

Generally speaking, many people are *over-confident*, and many have *lack of confidence*. We should have confidence that is centered on the Lord:

Psa. 118:8 *It is better to **trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.***

9 *It is better to **trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.***

Prov. 14:26 **In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence:** and his children shall have a place of refuge.



Two weeks ago, we began considering...

THE INFLUENCE OF THE PAST

Looking at the past may be a two-edged sword – remembering blessings or remembering heartaches. This morning we will consider how the past can be a tool to instill courage and confidence in facing the present and future challenges.

- ❖ Sometimes looking at the past before we were saved gives us encouragement to be thankful for salvation, and for victories we have experienced since being changed by a new relationship with Christ.

I. THE ENDEARMENT FROM THE PAST

A. The Pains of the Past, 10:32

Heb. 10:32 But **call to remembrance the former days**, in which, **after ye were illuminated**, ye endured a **great fight of afflictions**;

- ❖ Reminding ourselves of survival of past challenges, is encouragement to face any and all new challenges.

1 Sam. 17:37 David said moreover, **The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine**. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

❖ The Lord Jesus Christ is our perfect example of endurance:

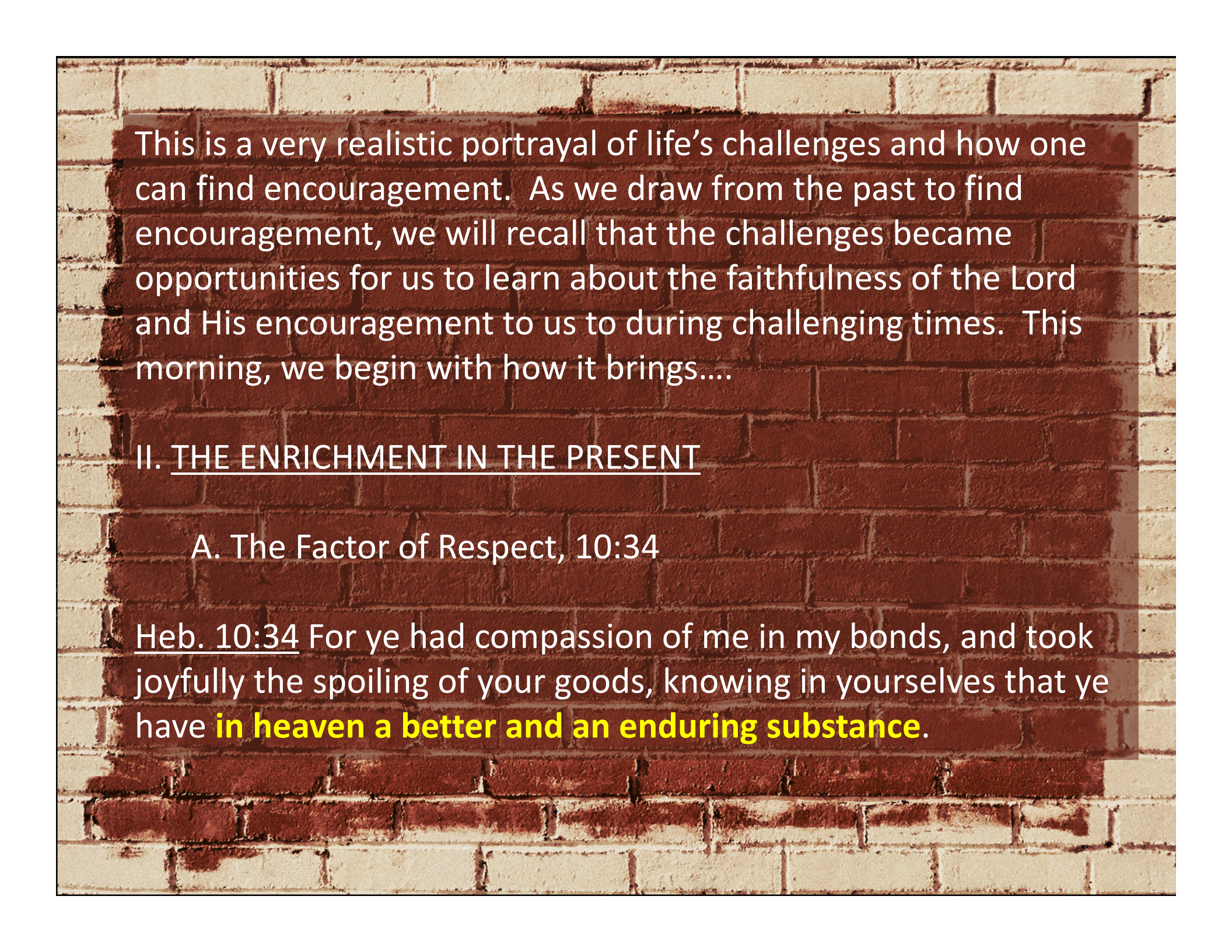
Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and **let us run with patience the race that is set before us**,
2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured the cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

B. The Parts of the Pain, 10:33

Heb. 10:33 Partly, whilst **ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions**; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

❖ When believers face “reproaches and afflictions,” personally, or “by association” – “... **whilst ye became companions of them that were so used**,” determination motivated by faith, identified with love for Christ, will produce the deliverance desired.

Jas. 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: **for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.**



This is a very realistic portrayal of life's challenges and how one can find encouragement. As we draw from the past to find encouragement, we will recall that the challenges became opportunities for us to learn about the faithfulness of the Lord and His encouragement to us to during challenging times. This morning, we begin with how it brings....

II. THE ENRICHMENT IN THE PRESENT

A. The Factor of Respect, 10:34

Heb. 10:34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have **in heaven a better and an enduring substance.**

- ❖ Compassion for others is a result of “knowing in yourselves” of that which will produce sacrificial living.

Original Word: συμπαθέω

Transliteration: sumpatheó

Definition: to have a fellow feeling with, sympathize with

Usage: I sympathize with, have compassion on.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4834.htm>

- ❖ An encouraging believer is NOT living for this world, but, focused upon eternity – “...knowing in yourselves that ye have **in heaven a better and an enduring substance.**”
- ❖ The attitude expressed here is one who “...took joyfully the spoiling of your goods...” = willingly moved from their “comfort zone” to accommodate others.

Original Word: ἄρπαγή

Transliteration: harpagé

Definition: pillage, plundering

Usage: the act of plundering; plunder, spoil, robbery.

harpagḗ – to plunder (pillage), fueled by "*violent greed*"

<https://biblehub.com/greek/724.htm>

Luke 11:39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your inward part is full of **ravening** and wickedness.

❖ The “goods” were their personal possessions, available and given, for the sake of something of a greater cause than “ownership.”

Original Word: ὑπαρξις

Transliteration: huparxis

Definition: subsistence, existence, property

Usage: goods, substance, property, possessions.

hýparksis – (from *hypárxō*, "exist *and* possess beforehand," see there) – **properly, a possession kept *under* someone's authority, i.e. already at their discretion ("available").**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5223.htm>

Mt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

Conclusion

Rom. 8:35 Who shall **separate us from the love of Christ?** *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**