

ARISE AND BUILD

Neh. 2:20

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

“Keeping Confidence”

Heb. 10:32-39

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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.

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

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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.



We began considering...

THE INFLUENCE OF THE PAST

Looking at the past may be a two-edged sword – remembering blessings or remembering heartaches.

- ❖ 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.**

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.

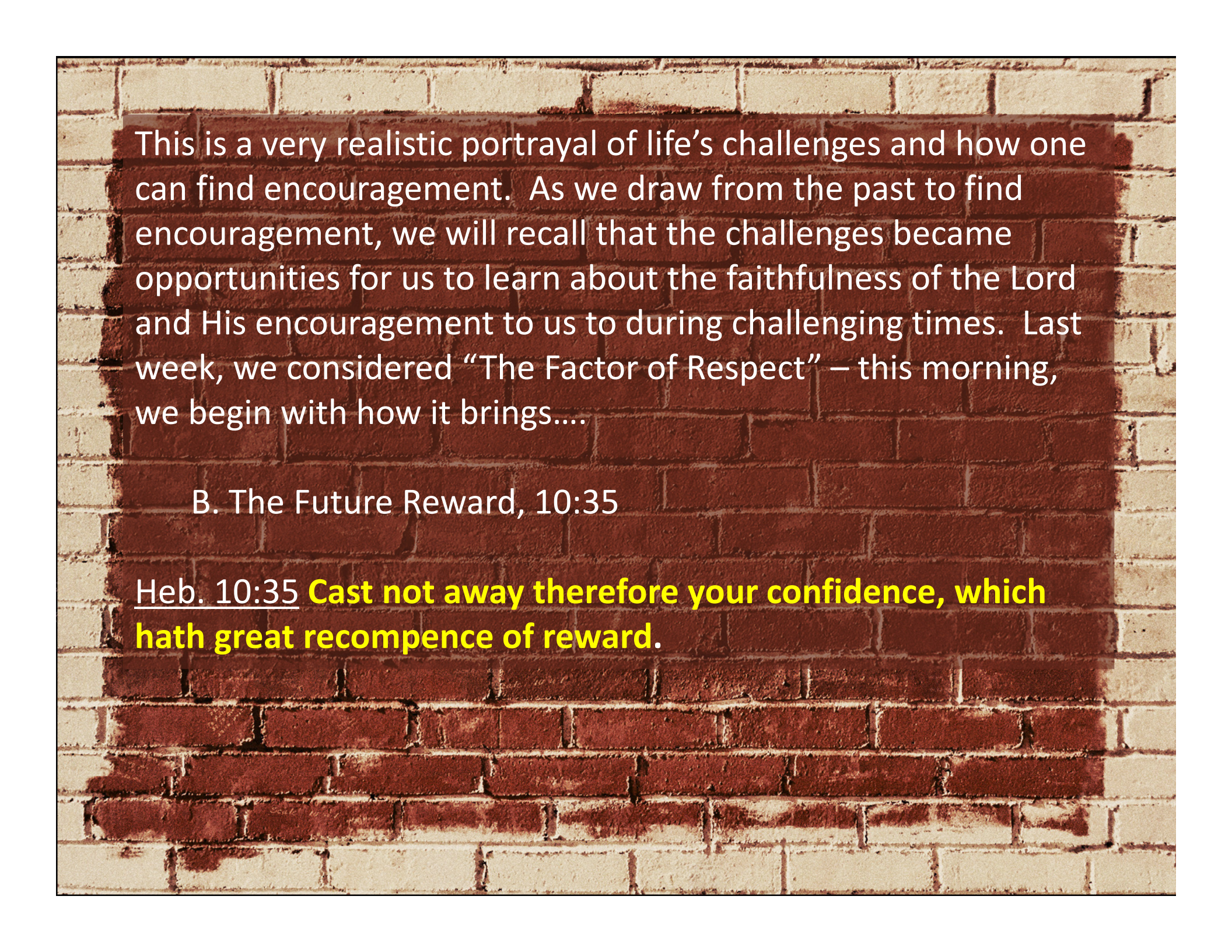
“**knowing in yourselves**” = spiritual experience to discern Scriptural truth and principles.

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

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.**



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. Last week, we considered "The Factor of Respect" – this morning, we begin with how it brings....

B. The Future Reward, 10:35

Heb. 10:35 **Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.**

- ❖ The victories over past challenges give confidence to go forward in life.

Heb. 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for **he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.**

- ❖ The “stripes earned” includes rewards for faithfulness – “...which hath great recompence of reward.”

Original Word: μισθαποδοσία

Transliteration: misthapodosia

Definition: payment of wages

Usage: (lit: repayment of price or payment of price due), **reward**, due punishment.

properly, *compensation corresponding to a particular decision (action).* <https://biblehub.com/greek/3405.htm>

❖ Do not throw away what you already have attained.

“Don’t sacrifice the permanent upon the altar of the immediate.” – Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Heb. 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

17 **For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected:** for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

- ❖ Confidence from within, through faithful fellowship with Christ, must be maintained.

2 Jn. 1:8 Look to yourselves, **that we lose not those things which we have wrought**, but that we **receive a full reward**.

- ❖ In order to endure life's challenges, we must have patience, keep doing the will of God, and hold to His promises.

III. THE ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PATIENCE

A. The Gracious Watching, Heb. 10:36-37

Heb. 10:36 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**.

❖ After enduring the challenges being faithful, we must have a mindset to continue to have patience to “keep on keeping on.”

Gal. 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Original Word: ὑπομονή

Transliteration: hupomoné

Definition: a remaining behind, a patient enduring

Usage: endurance, steadfastness, **patient waiting for.**

properly, remaining under, endurance; steadfastness, especially as God enables the believer to "remain (endure) under" the challenges He allots in life.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/5281.htm>

❖ The patience to endure is encouraged throughout the Scriptures:

Rom. 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that **we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

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,**

Jas. 1:3 Knowing *this*, that **the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

4 But **let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

❖ The Lord is coming soon – DO NOT QUIT!

Heb. 10:37 For yet a little while, and **he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.**

Dan. 8:19 And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for **at the time appointed the end shall be.**

Hab. 2:3 For the vision *is* yet **for an appointed time**, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; **because it will surely come, it will not tarry.**

B. The Genuine Witness

Heb. 10:38 **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.**

❖ The “just” are living by faith and cannot quit or compromise their testimony!

1 Jn. 2:19 **They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: **but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.**

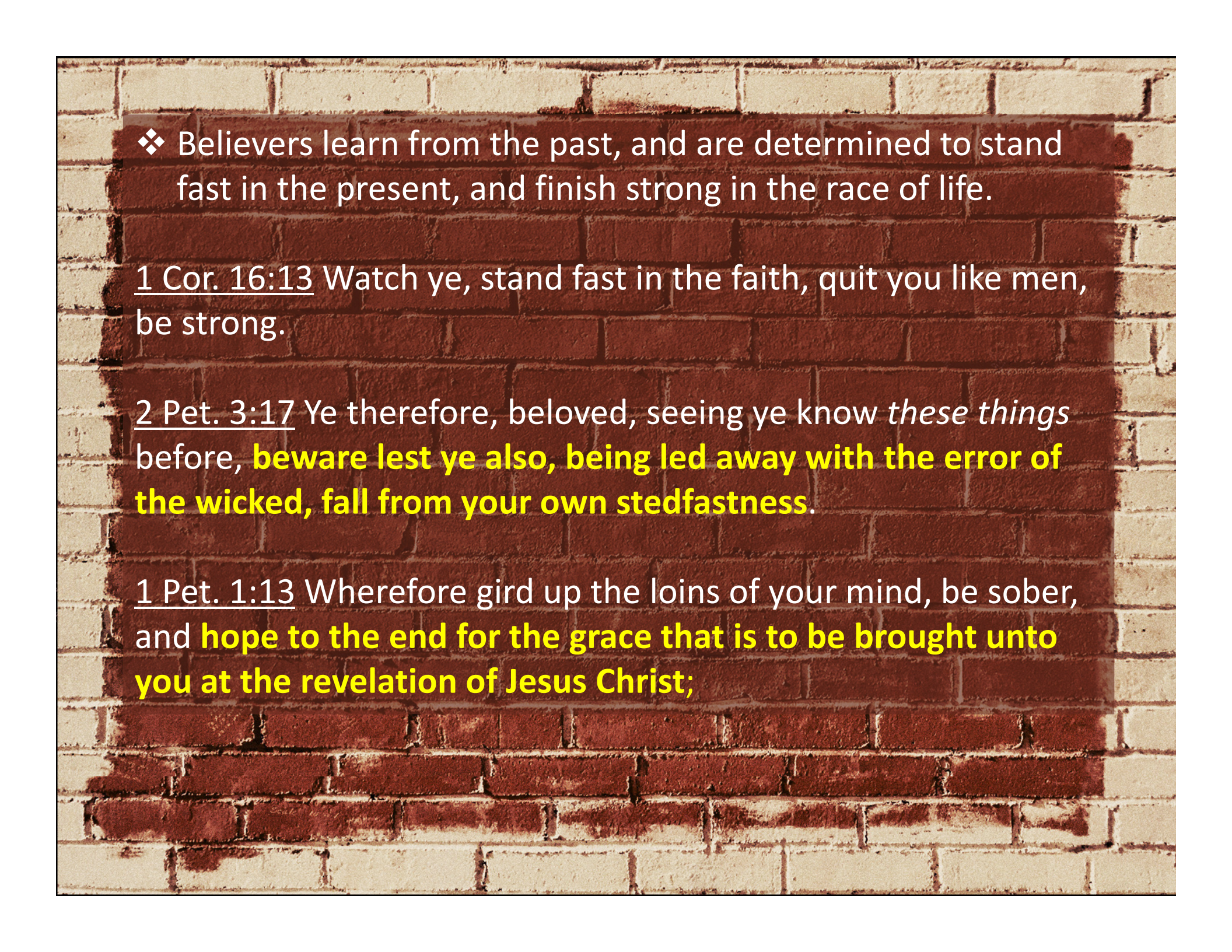
❖ Compromisers will reveal themselves and will answer for themselves.

❖ Faithful believers learn from the past and look to the future.

Mark 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be **ashamed of me and of my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation; **of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.**

❖ A professing Christian CANNOT be neutral in regard to witnessing:

Mt. 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and **he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.**



❖ Believers learn from the past, and are determined to stand fast in the present, and finish strong in the race of life.

1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

2 Pet. 3:17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.**

1 Pet. 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and **hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

Conclusion

Col. 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, **do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will** in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, **unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness**;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

13 **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:

14 In whom **we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins**: