Don't Let Your Light Go Out

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INTRODUCTION

- The new King James says, recall the former days in which you were illuminated.
- This entire book was written to encourage these first century Hebrew Christians to not let that fire go out.
- We could talk about those things that God has provided them and us today to maintain that light, to not let that fire go out.

1 His Word

Hebrews 1:1–2; Hebrews 2:1; Hebrews 4:12

- God who at various times and in various ways spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his son.
- It is that word that God has given us that would be the greatest weapon that we have in keeping this fire lit.
- If you're not paying attention to the word, the things which we have heard, then you're more likely to drift away.
- We cannot overemphasize the importance of us being people in the Word.
- He's given us His Word as an aid, as a help that we might be drawn closer to Him, to the source of that fire.

2 Passages of Hope

Hebrews 2:14–15; Hebrews 2:17; Hebrews 10:23

- We should not underestimate the importance of hope. Because sometimes, on our darkest days, our most difficult struggles, hope is the only thing that can get us through.
- The hope that this is just temporary, that there is a greater reward awaiting us.
- Because of what Jesus did, he released us from the fear of death.
- Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. For he who promised is faithful.
- Our hope is in God who has promised. And that hope will cause us to endure.

3 Focus: Consider and Look to Jesus

Hebrews 3:1–3; Hebrews 12:1–2; Luke 15

- Consider the apostle and high priest of our confession, Christ Jesus.
- Don't think about yourself. Don't even think about what the task that you might have to undertake. But consider Jesus.
- Looking unto Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith.
- Look to Jesus as the example of one who has endured, but also look to Jesus as our goal, as to the finisher of our faith.

- We just wander away. Or as he would warn in the book of Hebrews, we drift away. Because we lost focus.
- We lost sight of why we were doing them. And maybe more poignantly, we lost sight of the one for whom we're doing them.

4 God Has Helped Us With Discipline

Hebrews 12:4–11

- God's also helped us with some discipline.
- For whom the Lord loves, he chastens and scourges every son whom he receives.
- No chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful. Nevertheless, afterward, it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
- Chastening is not always punishment.
- They are a test that allows us to demonstrate the strength of our faith.
- It might reveal our weaknesses and show me not the strength of my faith, but to show me the areas of my faith that need improvement.

MY NOTES