



# June 14, 2026

## Anchored in Community

Hebrews 10:19–25 (NIV)

### A Call to Persevere in Faith

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### Being in a group changes things.

- The book of Hebrews is apparently written to a church. Not just to a you, singular, but to a you, plural. He writes to a “all you all.”
- The letter has a phrase used over and over (16 times in the letter)...and it’s this: “Let us”
- So we read (just samples):

Hebrews 4:14 ...let us hold firmly to the faith we profess

Hebrews 4:16 ...let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence

Hebrews 6:1 ...let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity

Hebrews 12:2 ...Let us fix our eyes on Jesus

Hebrews 13:15 ...let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise

- Christianity is not a solo sport. *We know God better when we know him together.*

Hebrews 10:19-25 is packed with these “let us” statements.

### Let us draw near in faith

- *19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*
- When we have access, we feel special and privileged.
- Hebrews says that’s what we have when it comes to God because of Jesus.
- We now have confidence (boldness) to walk right on through and ignore the curtains, the veils, and the barriers. We get to walk right into the very throne room of God freely, without anyone asking whether we belong.
- Jesus opened up a new and living way for us. He gave his body and shed his blood to give us unfettered access to God.
- If we have the access...it’s crazy not to use it.

### Let us hold firmly to hope

- *23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*
- The word “unswervingly” means *immovable*.
- So let us be immovable from the hope we profess. That the blood of Jesus is enough. That the high priest Jesus, and only Jesus, is God himself and has made a way that we can be a part of God’s family.
- Let us state this hope together: *“I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”*
- It’s not just being a part of a group that makes a difference, but being a part of the *right kind* of group.
- The last “let us” shows us what that right kind of group looks like.
- How do *we* all draw near together and how do *we* hold to hope together?

### Let us consider toward love

- *24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
- *Let us consider* means to *think* or to *give careful thought to something*.
- We are to give more careful thought to how to spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
- Or this: Let us think through how we can put others first.

- A church is a group where everyone is thinking through how they can put everyone else first.
- **To consider toward love, everyone has to be all-in.**
- vs 25: “let us” never give up meeting together.
- The instruction here is don’t neglect time with God’s people.
- Being with God’s people is the only way to ensure that you’re still connected to Jesus!
- The secret we’re being given here is that *life is only found if we are connected to Jesus*, and to be connected to him means also that we are connected to each other.

“To be a Christian is to be a friend of God, shaped and transformed through a group of friends.” –Jonathan Pennington:

- What you really need is friends. Good friends who follow Jesus and are present in your life.
- Hebrews says we dare not miss out on this. Being in a group always changes the game.
- **To consider toward love, everyone has to be courageous.**
- The great word in this text is the word “*spurring*” (NIV), the ESV is more relaxed and has “*stir up*”
- This word is what happens when you feel road rage.
- It literally means to be irritating. It’s a negative word that Hebrews uses positively. It’s a command. We are to irritate one another toward love and good works.
- You need some people around you who will be willing to irritate you a little bit in the short run because there’s a longer range goal that we’re all trying to get to.
- To be someone like that takes courage.

*Get a friend to tell you your faults, or better still, welcome an enemy who will watch you keenly and sting you savagely. What a blessing such an irritating critic will be to a wise man, what an intolerable nuisance to a fool!* -Charles Spurgeon

- **To consider toward love, everyone has to be for everyone else.**
- “Encourage one another” is the phrase. It’s the opposite of spurring or irritating. You need both.
- It’s the great word “*parakaleo*” = *to come alongside and call*. It means to walk in someone else’s shoes and show them by word and deed that you’re for them, that you support them in what they’re trying to do.
- The goal of all the considering/pondering is to *produce in someone else*: love and good deeds. Do first for others what you’re already doing for yourself.
- You might have noticed that what Hebrews does here is use Paul’s famous trio of faith, hope, and love.
- Let us draw near in faith.
- Let us hold on to hope.
- Let us push each other to love.
- How does the rest go? Paul says in 1 Corinthians that the greatest of these three, is love.
- In part, it’s because no one’s has ever been a Christian for his own sake alone.
- Christianity is not a solo endeavor because Christianity is about loving, and you need others to be able to love.
- You’ve got to be in a group. It’s the only way.

- The only way you rise with Jesus, is if you're connected to him. Are you tied to Jesus?
- To not be tied in, means falling into lostness. But being tied in, means rising with Jesus into God's family.
- To fall or rise today? Those are the only two options. Which will it be?