Date: January 27 & 28, 2007 Hebrews 10:32-34 Text:

Spiritual Growth Topic:

Study: Hebrews Week: 44 Series: 4 of 5 CD #: 07-04

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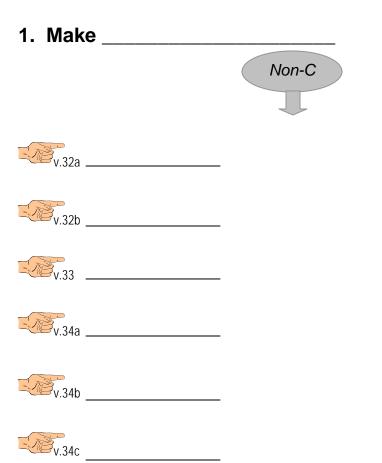
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Part 4 A Closer Relationship with God

Motivated by Earlier Days of Devotion

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Heb. 10:32-34 32 Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. 34 You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had

better and lasting possessions. (NIV)

2. Resolve _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups @CompassChurch.org.

- 1. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17**. Compare and contrast the year prior to your conversion to Christ and the year that followed.
- 2. Describe an area of your Christian life that was better in the "earlier days" than it is now.

Why do you think that is the case?

3. Of the six aspects of the Christian life that were itemized in our passage and in the sermon, which two need the most improvement in your life today?

What steps will you take to excel in those two areas?

4. Read **Revelation 2:3-5b**. Write out a prayer that reflects your resolve to continue to make forward progress in "drawing near to God" (cf. Heb.10:22).

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministry window in the lobby immediately following the conclusion of today's service. Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0534 - Setting Our Sights on a Lifetime of Serving Christ

CD # 0611 - Striving for Punctual Spiritual Progress

CD # 0565 - The Key Ingredients for Being Loyal to Christ

CD # 0537 - A Question of Perseverance, Salvation & Eternal Security

CD # 9809 – A Critical Reminder About "Hupomene"

CD # 9805 - The Importance of "Adding to Your Faith"

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

January 28th

Ex.7-8 & Mt.28

January 29th

Ex.9-10 & Mk.1

January 30th

Ex.11-12 & Mk.2

January 31st

Ex.13-14 & Mk.3

February 1st

Ex.15-16 & Mk.4

February 2nd

Ex.17-18 & Mk.5

February 3rd

Ex.19-20 & Mk.6

February 4th

Ex.21-22 & Mk.7

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. The Cost of Discipleship. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Bridges, Jerry. The Pursuit of Holiness. NavPress, 1996.

Carty, Jay. Counter Attack: Taking Back Ground Lost to Sin. Third Edition. Yes Ministries, 1988.

Foxe, John. Foxe's Book of Martyrs. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Hefley, James and Marti. By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20th Century. Baker Books, 1996.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus. Albury Publishing, 1999.

_. Jesus Freaks Volume 2: Stories of Revolutionaries Who Changed Their World. Bethany House, 2002.

Tozer, A. W. *The Pursuit of God.* Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.

Water, Mark, ed. The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs. Baker Books, 2001.

Whitney, Donald. Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ. Moody, 1996

Wiersbe, Warren. Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith. Baker Books, 1993.

Woodbridge, John D., ed. Great Leaders of the Christian Church. Moody Press, 1988.

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