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One Year Later: We Are Not Like Those

To Stand Our Ground In Times Of Suffering

Hebrews 10:35-39 - *So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you!* ³⁶ *Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.* ³⁷ *"For in just a little while, the Coming One will come and not delay.* ³⁸ *And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away."* ³⁹ *But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.*

Don't Abandon Your Faith In Times Of Persecution

Romans 8:15-17 - *So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."* ¹⁶ *For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.* ¹⁷ *And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.*

When The Pressure Comes:

- 1) People Of Substance Don't Give Up.**
- 2) Superficial Faith Often Retreats.**

Habakkuk 2:3-4 - *This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.* ⁴ *"Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.*

To Trust God Completely, Is To Trust God When We Don't Understand Everything

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To Throw Away One's Confidence Is To Return To The World

Numbers 14:1-4 - *Then the whole community began weeping aloud, and they cried all night. ² Their voices rose in a great chorus of protest against Moses and Aaron. "If only we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness!" they complained. ³ "Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?" ⁴ Then they plotted among themselves, "Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!"*

To Throw Away Our Confidence By Abandoning The Struggle Is To Throw Away Our Reward

Faithful Perseverance Under And In The Face Of Pressure, Suffering And Discouragement

2 Timothy 4:8 - *And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.*

1 Peter 3:13-14 - *Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.*