

## The Promise: Enduring as Sons...an Exhortation

Hebrews 12:12-13  
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- (1) Peaceful fruit of righteousness (Christ on display)
- (2) This is joy (incremental / ultimate)
- (3) Trained (return to athletic terminology)

### INTRODUCTION

#### • Hebrews 10:32-36

#### 1. Enduring like the Enduring Son (v.3)

- a. Think carefully on Christ
- b. Consider His endurance through hostility
- c. Guard against growing weary or fainthearted

#### 2. The Facts of Enduring as Sons (vv.4-6)

- a. We will struggle against sin
- b. We must remember our sonship
- c. We must NOT regard discipline lightly

#### 3. The Point of Enduring as Sons (vv.7-11)

- a. For discipline
- b. For assurance
- c. For righteousness
  - i. Momentary & painful
    - (1) Honest acknowledgement to the sting
    - (2) Imperative to "Consider..." is put to the test
    - (3) Learn NOT to despise any discipline, nor its stinging reminder, for it produces new affections for Christ
  - ii. Eventual & pleasure

#### 4. The Healing of Enduring as Sons (vv.12-13)

- a. Lift drooping hands & strengthen weak knees
  - i. "Lift" - Imperative applied to hands and knees
  - ii. "drooping hands"
    - (1) To neglect; relax
    - (2) **Isaiah 35:3**
  - iii. "weak knees"
    - (1) Paralyzed
    - (2) **Job 4:4**
- b. Make straight paths for feet
  - i. Imperative
  - ii. Make an orthodox course
  - iii. **Proverbs 4:26-27**
- c. You will be healed
  - i. These are imperatives
  - ii. Limping (don't have to be crippled)
  - iii. Lunging (moving forward)
    - (1) From here...
      - Know who and whose you are (Centrality of the Gospel in the Word of God) - **vv. 5-6,12-13**
      - Remember that you are in a fallen world (Progressive Sanctification) - **vv.7-11**

- Trust that He will Finish what He's started (Glorification) - **vv.2,12-13**
- (2) Practical holiness lived out in community
- In relationships
  - In worship
  - In service
  - In marriage
  - In church leadership
  - In finances
  - In mission
  - Till Kingdom Come!
- (3) That incremental suffering is endured by the ultimate joy. The faithful endurance will produce an incremental joy that will one day give way to ultimate joy through the suffering of the eternal one.