

**SOMETIMES THINGS DO WORK OUT**

Things rarely work out the way we expect them to. This is true in our world, in our family, in our congregation and even individually. Food, gasoline, housing and clothing should all be within our reach financially. When we face difficult times it is important that we react properly.

The Book of Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians who were under severe persecution. Things were not happening like they expected them to. The consequences of following Jesus was becoming greater and many were discouraged.

Their solution: Return to Judaism. They felt that most of what they were suffering would cease and that by forsaking Christ they would leave most of their opposition. The Hebrew writer warns them that to forsake Christ would be forsaking God. He tells them, “do not throw away your confidence” (Heb. 10:32-39). He tells them all you need is to endure. Something leaps out. The writer does not berate them, he encourages them. He reminds them that have not lost their reward and there was no need to lose it. He challenges them by reminding them that they have endured too much and already forfeited too much to throw it all away.

We need that same encouragement today. In our world we face hardships, persecutions, our faith is ridiculed and we are discouraged. We are often ready to quit. But, we cannot make God’s investment in us meaningless. Turning away is not the answer. All we need to do is endure to the end. God will be our help and comfort and strength. Don’t let our solution become the problem. If we endure, salvation will be ours.

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***Welcome to our services*  SUNDAY Worship…………………………………9:30 AM Bible Class……………………………10:45 AM MONDAY Bible Study……………………………6:30PM WEDNESDAY Bible Study……………………..…..7:00 PM THURSDAY W.I.N.G.S. (Women In God’s Service) Ladies’ Bible Class…………….10:00 AM**

**Monday PM, Wednesday PM and Thursday AM classes will all meet in the West Annex for the present time**

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**Sermon: If Christmas Comes**

Friday Christians



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