

Hebrews 5-6:8 - Don't Stop Believin'

December 31, 2023 - Pastor Jarrod Stueve

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 - Therefore, we can only approach Him with _____
_____ our sin.
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 - ... Focus on the _____ and miss the point.
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- God wants a RELATIONSHIP with US
 - But God is HOLY, and we are NOT.
 - Therefore, we can only approach Him with BLOOD
COVERING our sin.
- 1) Don't become SLUGGISH, but have faith and patience.
 - 2) It's not about how much you KNOW, but how much you OBEY.

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the MOTIONS!

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- ... Think they are saved when they have NO FRUIT
 - ... Think they are BEYOND HOPE
 - ... Focus on the OBSCURE and miss the point.
- 4) Jesus is BETTER than everything else! So don't turn back, or you'll LOSE what you HAVE. Press on.

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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Do you think these verses imply a works-based relationship with Jesus? Why or why not?

- 2) This week we read about Jesus being our High Priest (and better than Aaron, the first high priest). Look up and read about King Uzziah in 2 Chronicles 26:16-21.

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Why do you think God left Uzziah a leper until his death? Why not heal him later (like God healed Miriam in Numbers 12)?

What do you think God wants you to learn from the story of King Uzziah?

3) This week we learned that spiritual maturity is more about *obedience* than *knowledge*. How would you encourage a fellow believer who feels discouraged because they “have so much to learn” about God or the Bible?

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