

## Hebrews 6.11-12

### Inherit by Patience

The dictate of scripture that we are given here is simple. Find those who lead well and follow after them. They have broken trail, we must enlarge and maintain it, for there will be those following behind who have need of our faithfulness. It is simple enough to understand, but it is so profoundly challenging to us on nearly every level, that we seldom find people even willing to admit that it is the command of God, let alone willing to set out for obedience.

But here is the crux of the matter; the horns of the dilemma... We are promised ([John 6.37-40](#)) that every single one who God has chosen for Himself will be saved; we are further instructed ([1John 2.18-19](#)) that those who fall away and do not return are giving evidence that they were NEVER saved in the first place; AND we are told ([Philippians 1.6](#)) that God will certainly complete the work He has begun in us...

This means that we MUST set ourselves with all we have in us to follow after the command of God and to patiently pursue Him and His righteousness. We must have faith that no matter what today looks like right

now, God is at work and will surely complete His own glory. We must not lose heart and we MUST leave good trail for those who are following after us...

## I. THE EXAMPLES THAT LEAD

A. those who have gone on before

1) Abraham

a. believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness

### **Romans 4.1-8**

2) David

#### *1 Samuel 13:13–14*

*<sup>13</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. <sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own*

*heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”*

3) Moses

### **Hebrews 11.23-39**

4) Prophets

#### *1Peter 1:10–12*

*<sup>10</sup> Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, <sup>11</sup> searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven— things which angels desire to look into.*

5) Apostles

### *Acts 4:13*

*<sup>13</sup> Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.*

### *Acts 4:19–20*

*<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. <sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”*

6) Generations of the church

7) our departed fathers in the faith

B. Those who are out in front now

1) the aged saints who broke trail for us

### *Leviticus 19:32*

*<sup>32</sup> ‘You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the Lord.*

## 1John 2.12-14

- 2) those who are agile and strong, leading the charge against the gates of hell
- 3) those who are teaching and encouraging in the fight

*1 Corinthians 11:1*

*<sup>1</sup> Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*

- 4) those who are walking in the shadow of death

*Hebrews 13:3*

*<sup>3</sup> Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.*

- 5) those who are suffering and dying even now for the faith and the name of Jesus

## *Revelation 2:10–11*

*<sup>10</sup> Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup> “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” ’*

## **II. THE GREAT EXAMPLE**

The author and finisher of our faith – Jesus

### *Hebrews 12:1–2*

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

A. He led us into His own heart

*John 13:1*

*<sup>1</sup> Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.*

**John 15:9–17**

B. He suffered our punishment that we might have acceptance and an inheritance in His Father's house (our Father's house)

**John 14:7–11**

*John 14:15–18*

*<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

*Romans 8:14–17*

*<sup>14</sup> For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*

C. He died that we might know Him

**John 14:7–11**

*John 17:3*

*<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

D. He died that our redemption would be a love gift to the Father, and that God's honor and righteousness would be vindicated...

**Romans 3.23-26**



### III. THE PATH TO SHOW

#### Hebrews 12.18-24

- A. there are those who are faithfully serving by our side who need to see and know without doubt that they can trust those who they follow.
- B. there are those who walk alongside us who are weak and wounded, they need to be sustained and strengthened
- C. there are those who walk after us who need to see the trail clearly blazed by our faithfulness
- D. there are those outside of the faith who are seeking to know if there are any who truly believe, any who truly obey what they claim to follow...