

EPISODE 11: WHEN EXPERIENCE AIN'T ENOUGH

HEBREWS 6:4-8

Context: In this episode, we will look at the danger of giving up the Christian race. We are called to “go on to maturity.” However, adversity can cause us to contemplate giving up, hindering our growth in Christ. Although life can be hard, we must allow Christ’s superiority to help us prioritize our growth and endurance over what we experience. Let’s dive into the dangers of giving up the Christian race.

Overestimating Experience

- A. The _____ of Valuing Experiences over Faith and Endurance
- a. Seeing the light, but still _____ (2 Corinthians 4:3-6)
 - b. Tasting the heavenly gift, but not _____ (Hebrews 6:4; Romans 6:23; Hebrews 2:9)
 - c. Fellowshiping with the Holy Spirit, but _____ (Hebrews 6:4)
 - d. Tasting the goodness of God’s Word, but _____ (Hebrews 6:5; Matthew 13:20-21)
 - e. Witnessing signs, wonders, and miracles but _____ (Hebrews 6:5b; John 3; John 19:39; Hebrews 2:4)
 - i. “The measurement of one’s conversion is not their experience. It’s their endurance.” (Unknown Author)
 - ii. “Experiences do not have the power to keep you.” (Dr. Danielle L. Brown)
- B. The _____ of Valuing Experiences over Faith and Endurance

- A. Loss of _____ and _____ (Hebrews 6:4; 2 Peter 2:20-21)
- B. _____ the Son of God (Hebrews 6:6; Galatians 2:11-21)
- C. Subjecting Christ to _____ (Hebrews 6:6)

Can You Stand the Rain?

- A. A land that receives the rain (Hebrews 6:7)
 - a. Receiving the rain makes you...
 - i. _____ (John 15)
 - ii. _____ (Acts 2)
 - iii. _____ for God's blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
- B. A land that rejects the rain (Hebrews 6:8)
 - a. Rejecting the rain makes you...
 - i. _____ (John 15:6)
 - ii. _____ (Acts 1:15-19)
 - iii. Disqualified for God's blessing (1 Corinthians 9:7)