

## No Greater Love - Encouragement

Hebrews 3:1 “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling...”

Hebrews 3:12-14 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end.

### 1. Don't Stop \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 3:12 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God.

- “Be seeing to it constantly, keep a watchful eye ever open”
- The word fall away means “to stand to the side” or “to go away from or withdraw.”

### 2. Don't Stop \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

- Discouragement may come from \_\_\_\_\_.

- Discouragement may come in response to \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Kings 19:3-4 And he was afraid and arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree; and he requested for himself that he might die, and said, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers.”

2 Corinthians 4:7-16 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 *we are* afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh... 16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Encouragement is a \_\_\_\_\_ practice.

### 3. Don't Stop \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 3:14-19 14 For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, 15 while it is said, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT

HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME.” 16 For who provoked *Him* when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt *led* by Moses? 17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 *So* we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

**Further Thought:**

- Who is someone in your life who needs encouragement?
- How will you be a friend to him/her this week?