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Hebrews: Jesus is Greater

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PREPARE, STRIVE, AND WATCH

Hebrews 12:12-17

Big Idea: *Since God loves us, we must prepare to suffer, strive for peace, and help others along the way.*

1. We need to _____ today for suffering in the future.

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Matthew 12:34b "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."

2. We need to _____ for peace and holiness.

Romans 12:18 "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

3. We _____ to help others along the way.

Hebrews 4:1 "Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it."

Deuteronomy 29:18-19 "Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from the LORD our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a *root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit*, one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'"

4. Mercy is always promised, but _____ is not always available.

John 6:37b "Whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

2 Corinthians 6:2b "Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

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