Do Not Throw Away Your Confidence

Tony Mauck · Hebrews 10:35

INTRODUCTION

- Therefore, do not throw away your confidence. Which has a great reward.
- Do not throw away this, the Hebrew writer says, Your confidence. Not just your holiness, your godliness, your worship, but your conviction about unseen things.
- You have a high priest who cares about your condition. He ever lives.

1 God Seems Far Away

Philippians 4:5; Proverbs 15:3; Psalm 22:1

- People find themselves in the dark place of giving up because God seems far away.
- If God seems so far away, who moved?
- The Lord is near. And that's supposed to help us in a number of ways.
- It is also a help in regard to the fact that he is there to assist. He's not far away. He's not detached.

2 People Give Up Because They Are in Pain

- Pain is a part of the human condition. Life is full of pain. But don't you lay that at God's feet.
- Sin is to blame for the presence of pain in our lives.
- A lot of people give up because they are in pain and they just don't want to trudge through it anymore.
- Our high priest understands it. And he can help you survive. Don't give up because you're in pain.

3 Marriage Is Not a Fairy Tale; the Church Isn't Utopia

- Some people give up on faith because they discover that marriage is not a fairy tale.
- Disappointment and sin will remove the luster and shine.
- Not only is marriage sometimes a disappointment, but the church isn't utopia either.
- They're a work in progress. We're recovering sinners.

4 Worship Has Become Stale; Heaven Is Unattainable

Mark 10:27; Philippians 3:13–14

- You can't let worship happen to you. You have to invest to make it meaningful.
- If you would come here focused on God and how deserving and worthy He is, you would find some zest for it.
- With men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

- Isn’t this marvelous? That God gives you another shot.

5 The Offer of Sin Is Always Inferior

- No matter how alluring it is, the offer of sin is always inferior. It is always less than what it promises. It is always less than what God offers.
- He’s all about the luster and the shine. He transforms himself into an angel of light.
- The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want. You follow what the devil is offering you. You will want.

6 The Journey Can Seem So Long

Psalm 37:4; Psalm 37:25

- People throw away their confidence because journey can seem so long.
- I have been young, but now I am old. And I’ve not seen the righteous forsaken. Or his descendants begging bread.
- The journey might seem long. But righteousness is the way to go.
- Those people lived and they died and they lived the life of faith all the way to the end. You can make it to the end.

THE CHALLENGE

Once you have embraced this confidence, no matter what dark place you may find yourself, you must not throw it away. You must not. And let’s help each other not to do that.

MY NOTES