

Sermon Notes  
Hebrews 13:1-9

This week we discussed what happens when life gets stressed and the ways we can respond. We can either act God's way or we can respond the way of the world, our flesh and Satan would dictate. As many of the early professing Jews were facing persecution and martyrdom, they were encouraged to stay the course. Furthermore, they were encouraged to respond in a way that would give the greatest glory to Christ. When we go through difficult times sometimes it can become difficult to prioritize Jesus Christ and His kingdom. Here in Hebrews 13 the author gives us five ways that we can respond to stress and challenge in a way that not only benefits us but also all of those where we have influence. May this week's message provide some practical application for continuing in our journey for Jesus Christ.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

**When The Going Gets Tough**  
**Hebrews 13:1-9**

**When the going gets tough, take the opportunity to...**

1. **Love People: Welcome people and identify with them (1-3)**
2. **Grow Character: Manage your marriage and money continually (4-5)**
3. **Imitate Leaders: Follow the faithful and fruitful (7)**
4. **Prioritize Christ: Make Christ His Gospel central (8)**
5. **Embrace Truth: Stand on the authority of God's Word (9)**

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it [HERE](#). After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email [info@bravechurch.online](mailto:info@bravechurch.online) and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

**Questions**

1. Why is brotherly love so important? Why must it endure? Read Proverbs 17:17 and 27:17. How do these verses highlight the need for brotherly love? Why is loving people so important? Why should we prioritize a love for people especially in times of stress?

2. How can we show hospitality? What are ways that we can be more intentional about welcoming others in a warm and inviting way? What are some places when we are stressed where we may overlook an opportunity to love people? Restaurants? Supermarkets? Neighbors? Teams? Activities? Church? Why might we miss these opportunities? How can you show greater hospitality in your life?
3. How can we show love to prisoners? Why should we identify with other believers who are going through trials? How much does Christ care about His Body? What are ways that you can show greater love to those who have been mistreated?
4. How important is it for you to understand that at your funeral nobody will care about any of your accomplishments but simply about the way you loved them? How should that motivate you to live? Especially in your family and the Body of Christ?
5. How do stressful times allow us to grow our character? Why should making good decisions in times of stress be a priority for you? Why does God care so much about your character?
6. How is God trying to grow your character as a single person or as a married person? What does living sexually pure and undefiled look like for you right now? What changes might you need to make?
7. What choices can you make as a single that will help prepare you for marriage? What choices do you need to make right now to live sexually pure from this moment on? How important is it for you to know that God loves you and wants to give you the desires of your heart? How can you trust God more as a single? How important is it to know that God can forgive and redeem your past?
8. What choices can you make as a married person that will strengthen your marriage? What choices do you need to make right now to live sexually pure from this moment on? How important is it for you to know that God loves your marriage even more than you do? How important is it to know that God can forgive and redeem your past?
9. How does God want us to relate to money? What is contentment? Why is contentment so important? How do you know if you're content? What role does generosity play in contentment? How can you grow in your generosity?
10. How powerful is it to understand that in the context of money that God will never desert you or forsake you? Read Philippians 4:19. What is the significance of God meeting all your financial needs? What comfort does that bring to you? What Scriptures are you trusting for contentment, provision, and generosity?

11. Who are the leaders in your life that are worthy of imitating? How have they been faithful? How have they been fruitful? What are areas that you would like a mentor? What are areas where you need to start becoming a mentor?
12. How does studying good leaders (especially Christian ones) help you grow? How encouraging is it to learn that all great leaders have gone through difficulties, and all have made mistakes? How can you grow to become someone that is worthy of being followed? What keeps you from starting now?
13. What does it mean to prioritize Christ? Where does Jesus need to be more central in your life? Why is the Gospel so foundational even subsequent to our conversion? How can you grow more in your love for Christ and preferencing Him?
14. Why is embracing truth so essential? How does standing on the truth keep us from following the ways of the world? Why is being part of a church that stands on the authority of God's Word so important?
15. What has been your greatest encouragement from this week's message? What do you need to apply in your life right now?