



## Stewardship in Tough Times

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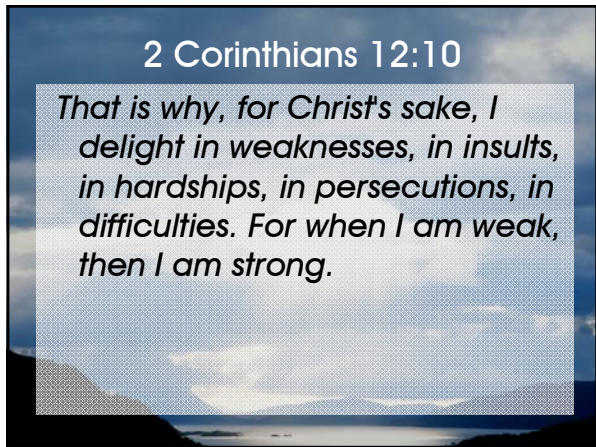
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### 2 Corinthians 12:10

*That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

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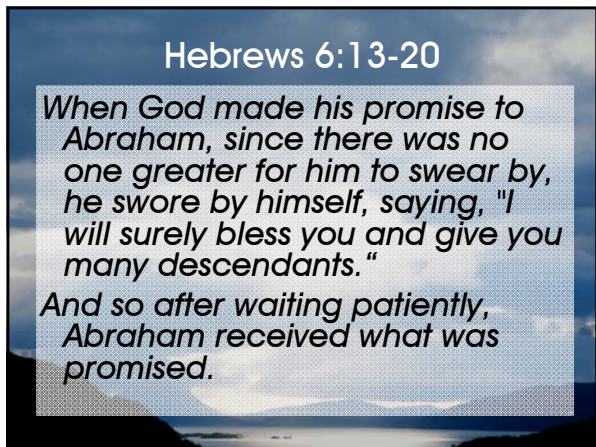
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### Hebrews 6:13-20

*When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants."*

*And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.*

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**Hebrews 6:13-20**

*Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument.*

*Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath.*

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**Hebrews 6:13-20**

*God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.*

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**Hebrews 6:13-20**

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.*

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**Maximum Pressure Points**

- When things I believe should never happen, happen.
- When things I believe should happen, never happen.
- When things I believe should happen now, happen much, much later.

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**Hebrews 6:12**

*We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.*

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**Romans 4:18a**

*Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed.*

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### Application

- **Trusting God in spite of circumstances.** (Hebrews 6:16-17)
- **The need to think Biblically not logically.**
- **Three benefits to thrive Biblically.** (Hebrews 6:18-20)

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### Hebrews 6:18

God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. Strong personal encouragement: God cannot lie.

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### Hebrews 6:19

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain. A place of hope: We will not lose.*

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Hebrews 6:20

*Where Jesus, who went before us,  
has entered on our behalf. He  
has become a high priest  
forever, in the order of  
Melchizedek. An anchor for our  
soul: Our Lord Jesus does not  
leave us alone.*

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