### Hebrews 10:19-25 - Three Practices that Transform

Hebrews written to house churches in Rome

- -comprised of Jewish and non-Jewish converts to Christ
- -new and 2<sup>nd</sup> generation believers in Christ
- -struggling with discouragement, difficulty, drifting backwards

## **Five Warning Passages in Hebrews**

2:1-4

3:7-4:13

5:11-6:12

10:26-39

12:25-29

# The writer assumes readers have extensive knowledge of OT:

35 quotations from the OT, 34 allusions to OT content, 19 summaries of OT content 13 mentions of particular OT person or topic

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<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

#### Because of all Christ has accomplished for us, we enjoy three transformative practices.

- 22 let us go right into the presence of God
- 23 Let us hold firmly onto the hope we profess
- 24-25 Let us consider how to spur one another to love and good deeds

### We enjoy God's presence with

- -a sincere heart = devoted mind, inner thoughts, a lifestyle aligned with God,
- -a full assurance = we are God's totally loved son/daughter born again by the Spirit into His forever family in Christ.

#### Yes, but How do we do this?

We willfully and mindfully spend time with God in prayer, worship, Scripture so He can renovate our souls.

We practice accepting our grand access with God We practice seeing the goodness of the grind in time with God We practice knowing there is no grovel in the Grace of God