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1. Besides the Bible, what is the best book you have ever read? Why did you like this book?

Daily Devotions

Day 1

Today's Theme: Explore It

Read Hebrews 13:20–25 (ESV)

Benediction

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Final Greetings

²² I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³ You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with all of you.

2. What attribute of God is emphasized?
3. What is the relationship of the risen Jesus to His sheep?
4. What does the author of Hebrews ask God to do on our behalf to accomplish His will?
5. Who has been released?
6. What should the reader of Hebrews do when he sees his leaders and the saints?

Day 2

Today's Theme: Do You Have Peace?

Read Hebrews 13:20

When I was in my 20s, I became friends with Yarick Christoff, a young man about my age from Finland. We would hang out together, and I remember one time we got into a conversation about God. I will never forget a phrase that Yarick shared with me, "I have no peace, I have no peace!" I asked Yarick what he meant by that. He said, "I have seen and done things in my home country that take away my peace."

As a student, even at your young age, you may have seen and done things that take away your peace. But I love how Hebrews 13:20 describes God: He is the God of peace! No matter what you have done, or what you have been through, God offers you peace through His Son, Jesus Christ! Romans 5:1 says, "*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Apart from God, we have no peace. I love the verses of the famous hymn, "It is Well," which describes the peace we have with God no matter what trial we go through or sin we have given in to:

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control;
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul!

7. What robs you of peace?

8. How can you help someone find peace if they have no peace?

Day 3

Today's Theme: Having All You Need for Doing His Will

Read Hebrews 13:21

I love how the NLT translates Hebrews 13:21: “...may he equip you with all you need for doing his will. May he produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to him. All glory to him forever and ever! Amen.”

By laying down His life for us, we see that Jesus is good to us by offering Himself as payment for our sins on the cross, and thus our “Good Shepherd.” When Jesus rises from the dead, he shows his power and thus He is our “Great Shepherd.”¹ As our Great Shepherd, who is all powerful, Jesus has the ability to and will actually give you “all you need for doing his will.” This means He will give you power to say no when temptation comes knocking on your door and He will also give you power to serve Him with your gifts.

9. How have you experienced God giving you “all you need for doing His will” whether it was to say no to a temptation or His empowering you to accomplish something for His glory?

10. Are you serving the Lord somewhere in His church? If so, where are you serving? If not, where are some possible places where you think God may have gifted you to serve?

¹Spurgeon — https://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrews_1320-21

Day 4

Today's Theme: What Have You Learned?

Read Hebrews 13:23–25

We have spent the whole school year in the book of Hebrews. God doesn't want us to check off the box that we read Hebrews, heard some great sermons, and had some great small group discussions, and then move on to something else. The author of Hebrews tells us in Hebrews 13:22, "*I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation...*" The author uses the word "exhortation." Greek scholar Martin Vincent says that "exhortation" is the Greek word *paraklesis*, from *para*, to the side of, and *kaleo*, to call or summon. Literally, a calling to one's side to help"² The idea is that Hebrews, as is true for all Scripture, is to be used to give us counsel and strength to help us live our lives for Jesus.

11. Look through the book of Hebrews as well as your sermon notes or small group notes. What is one big takeaway that God wants you to remember as you continue to walk with Him?

² https://www.preceptaustin.org/hebrews_1322-25

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