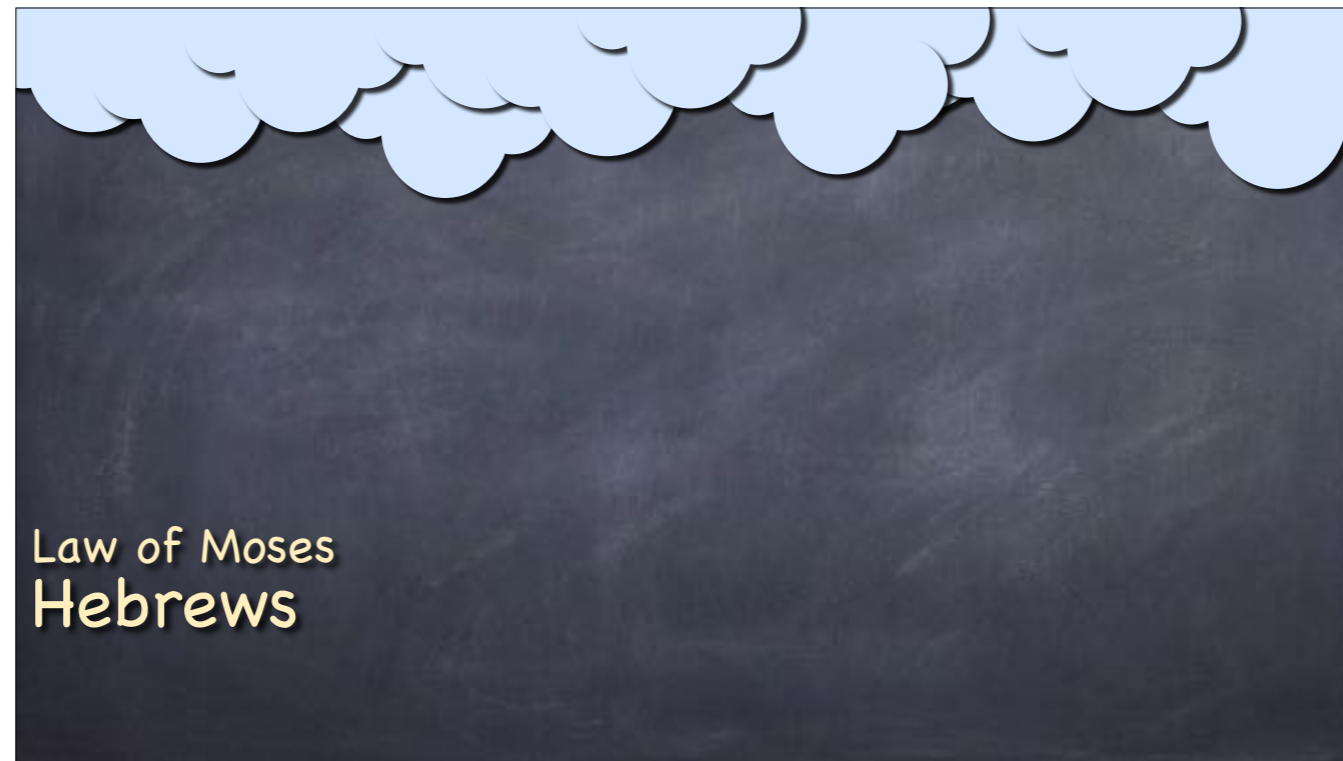


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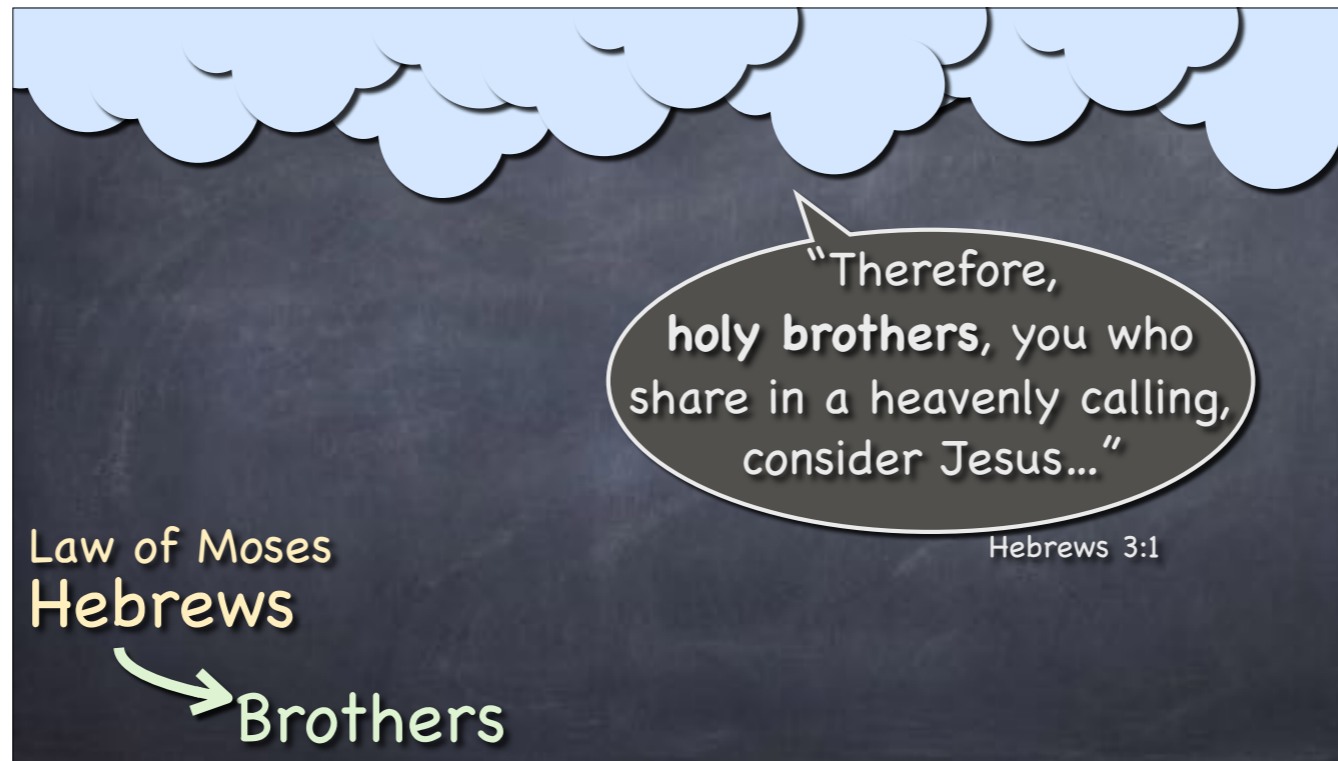
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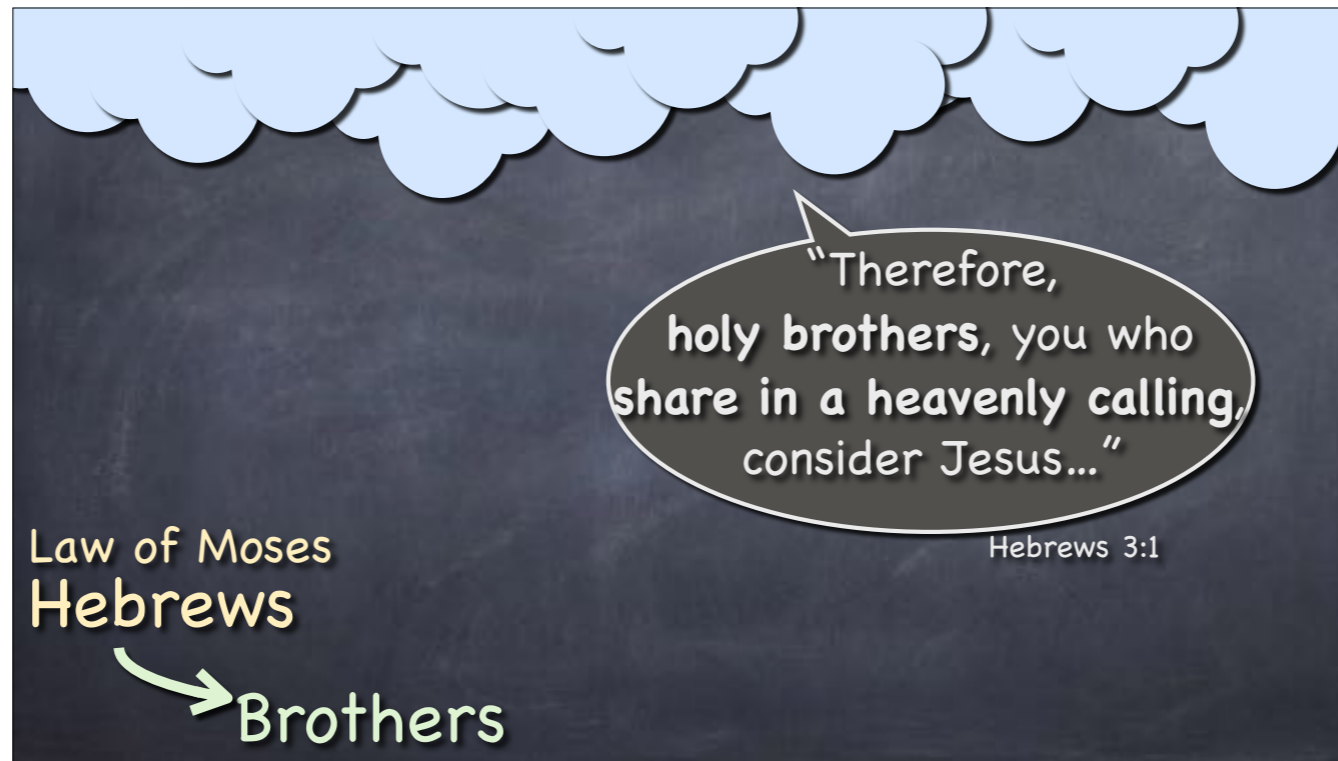
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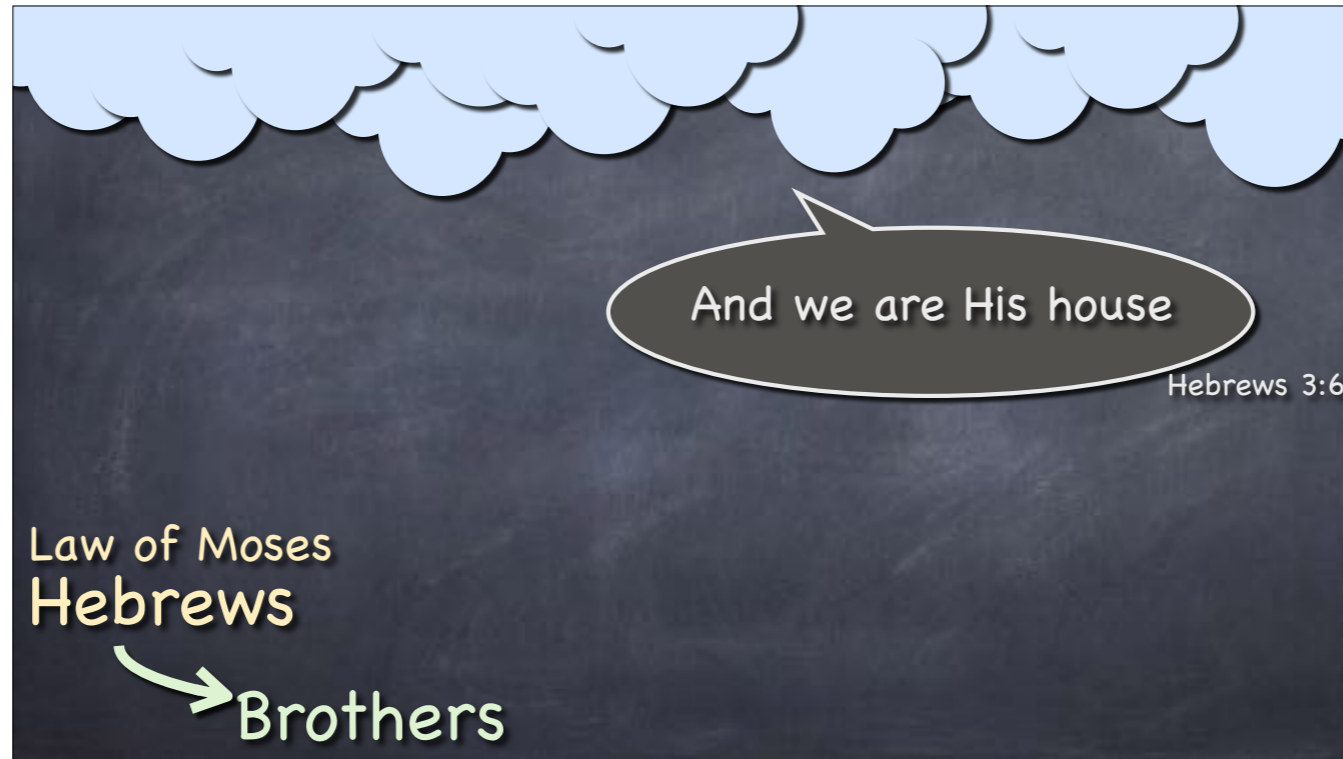
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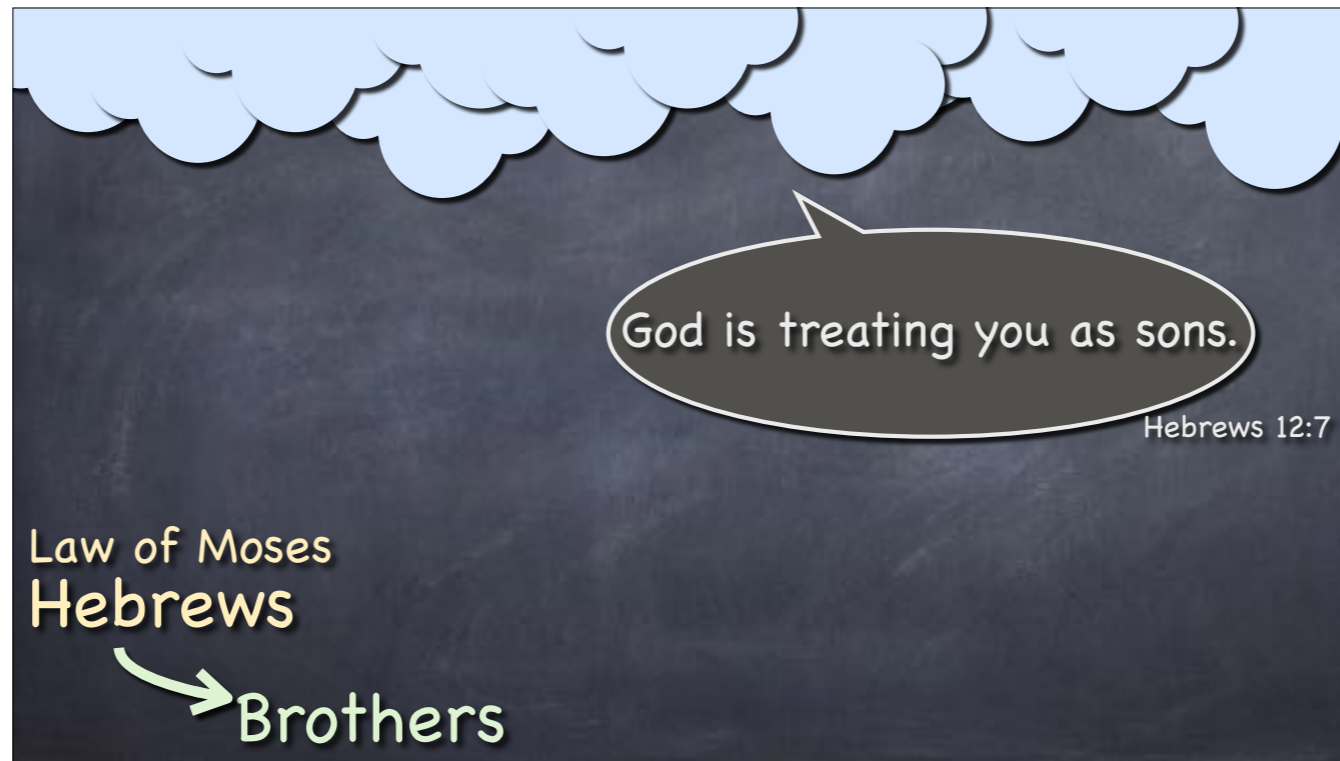


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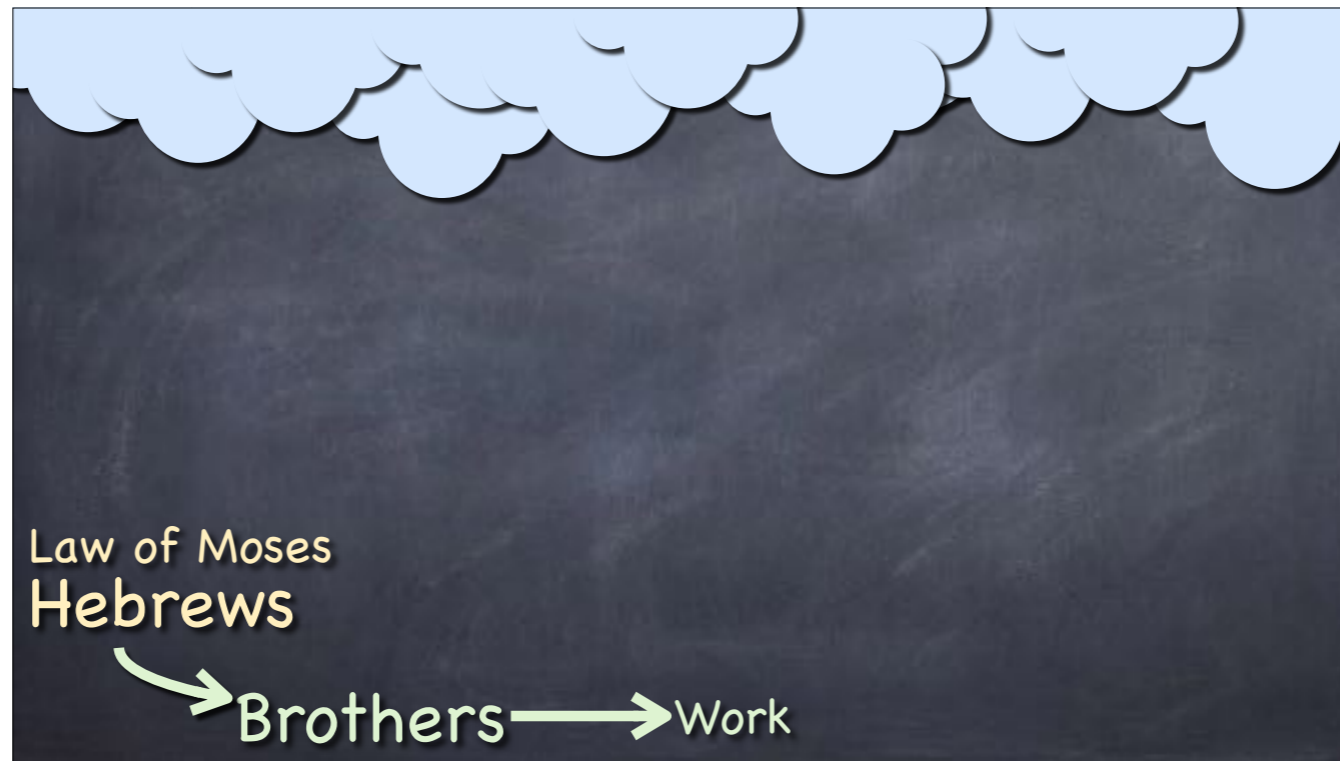


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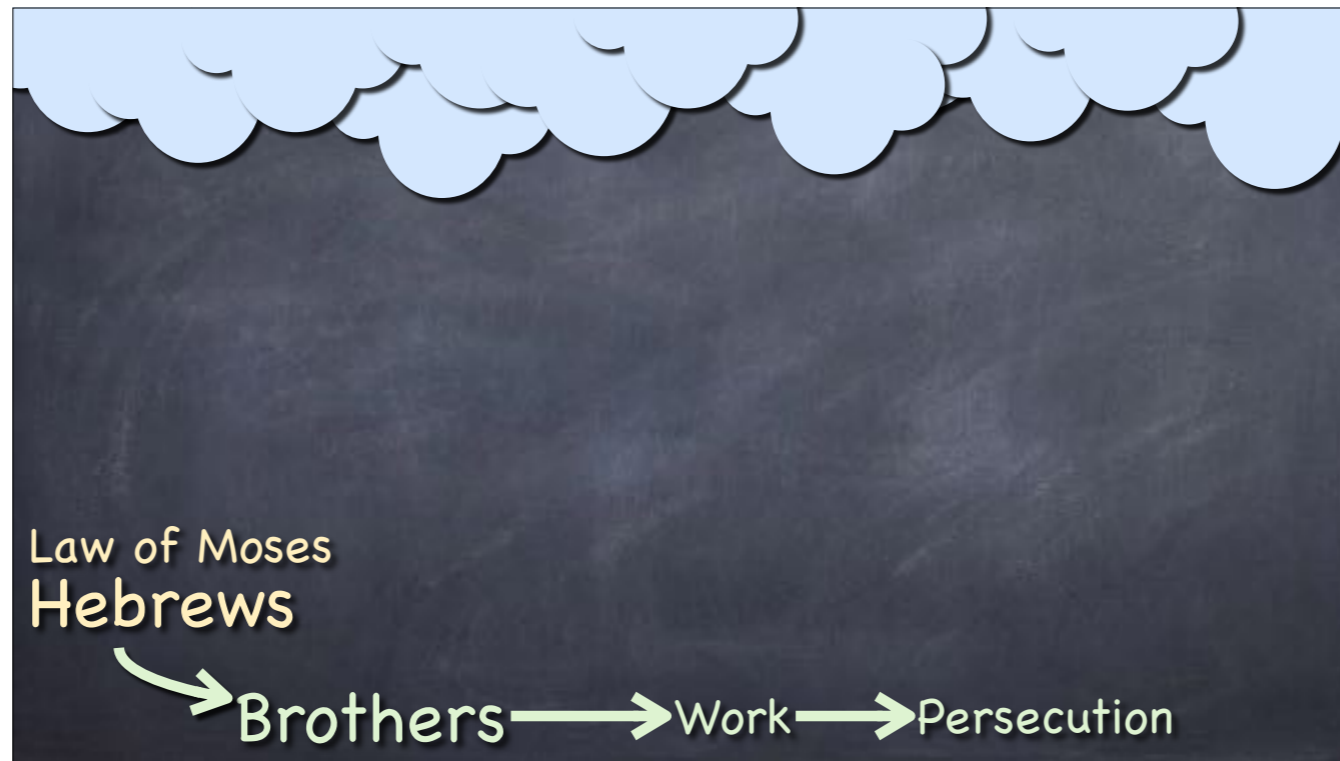
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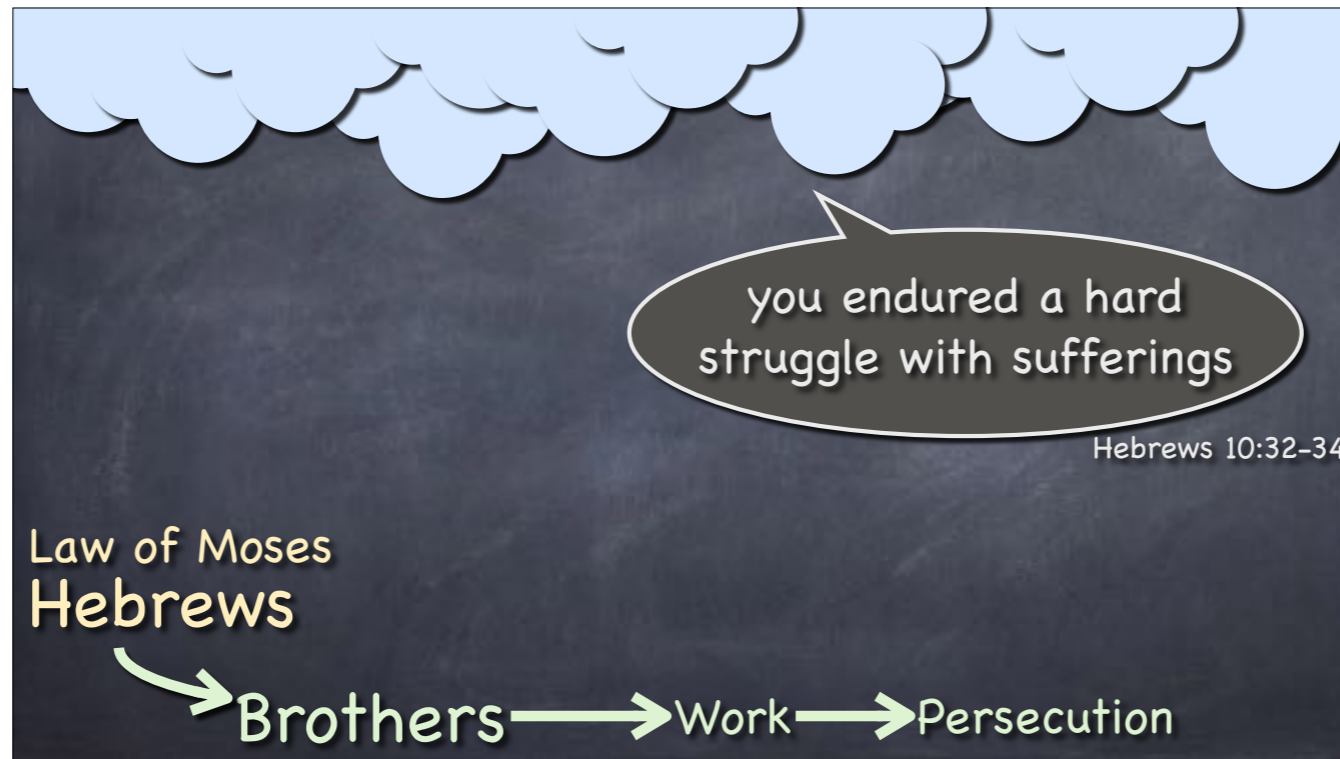
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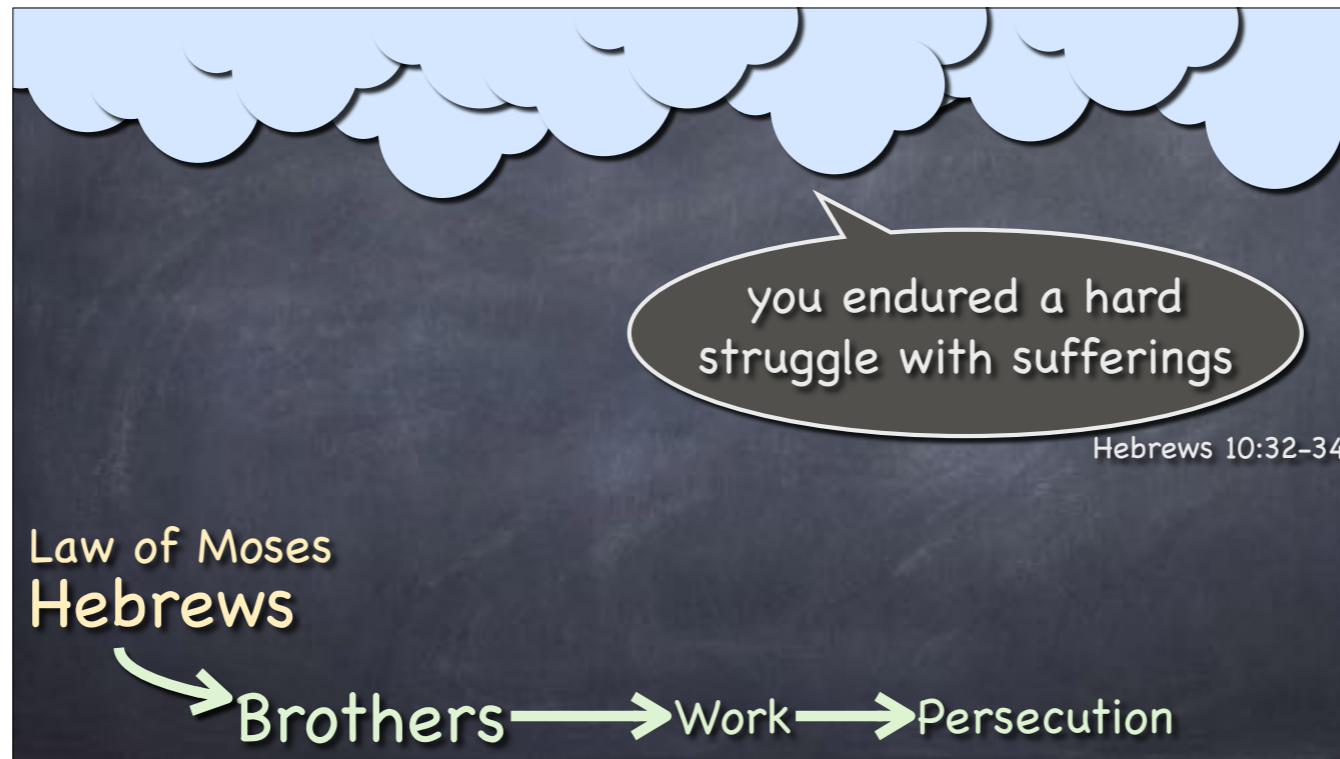
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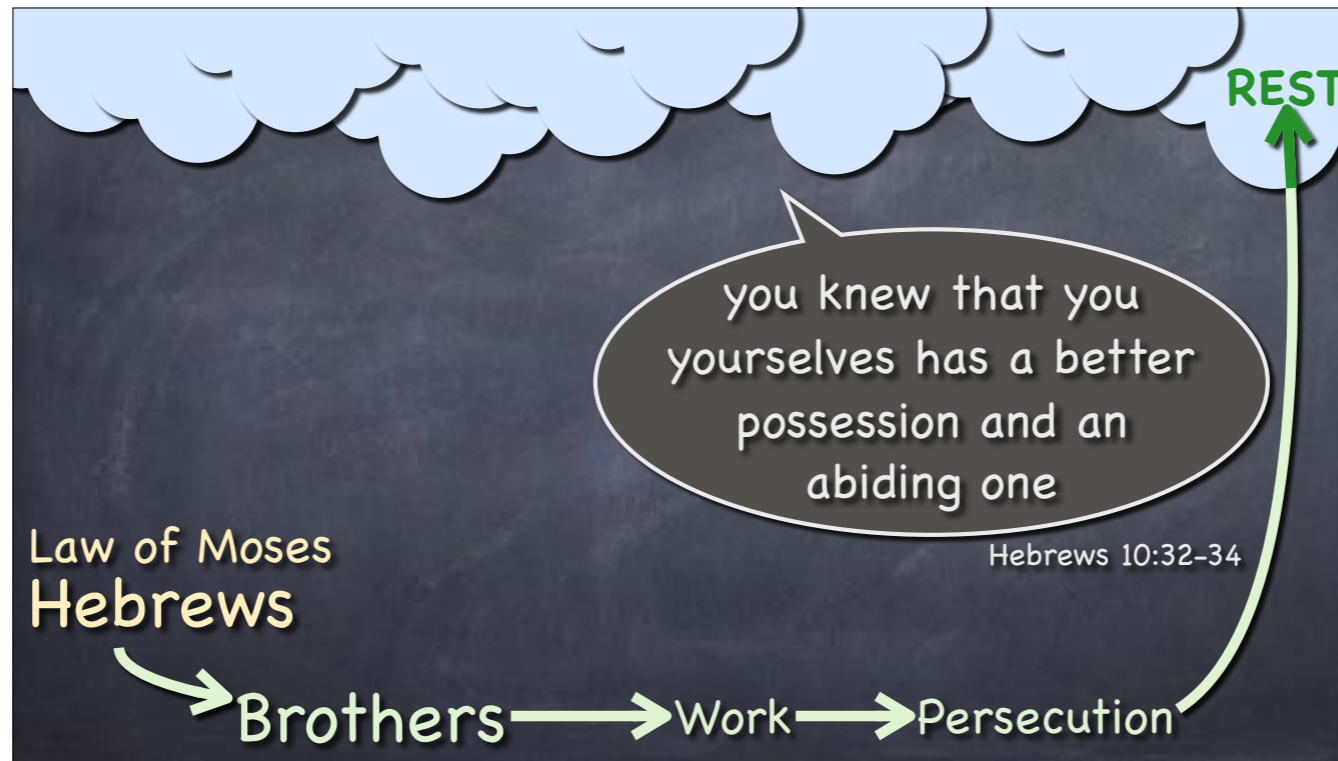
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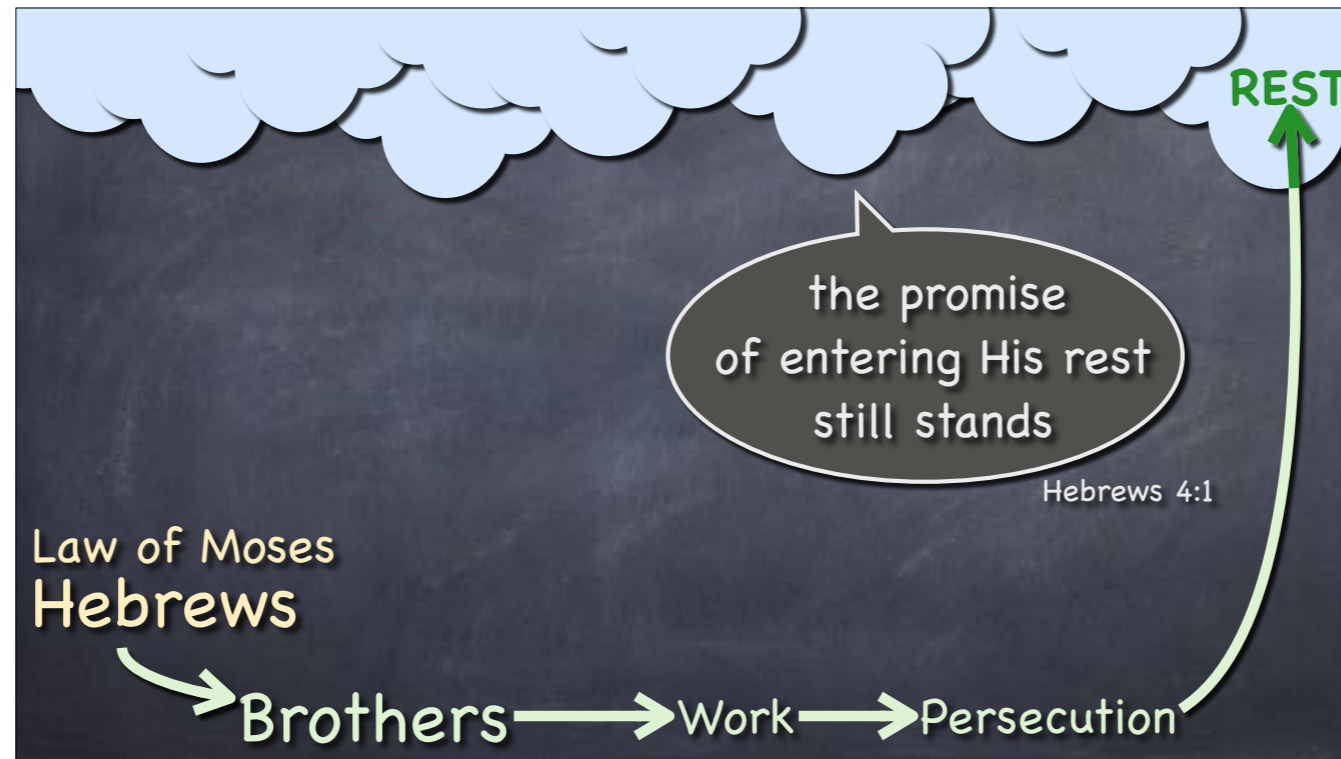
- Hebrews 10:32-34 (ESV) 32 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,
  - 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction,
  - and sometimes being partners with those so treated.



- 34 For you had compassion on those in prison,
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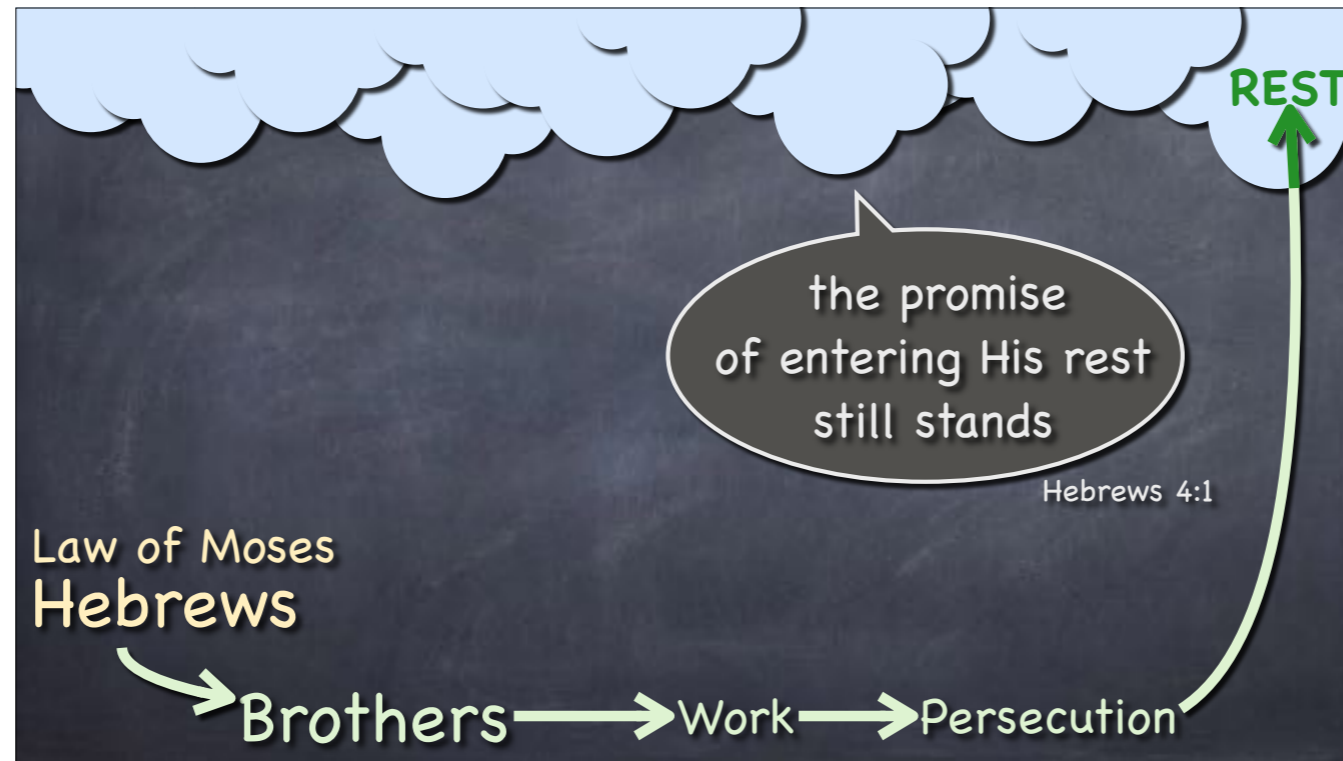


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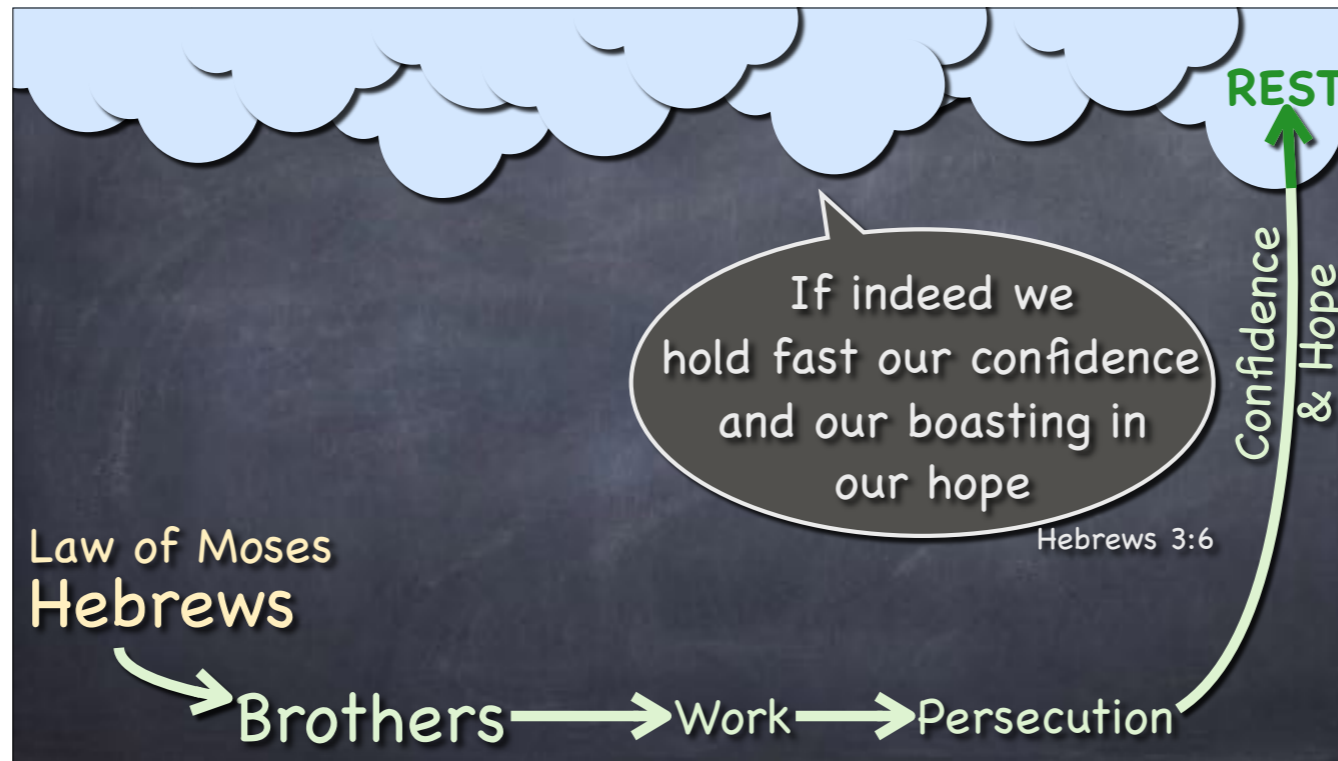


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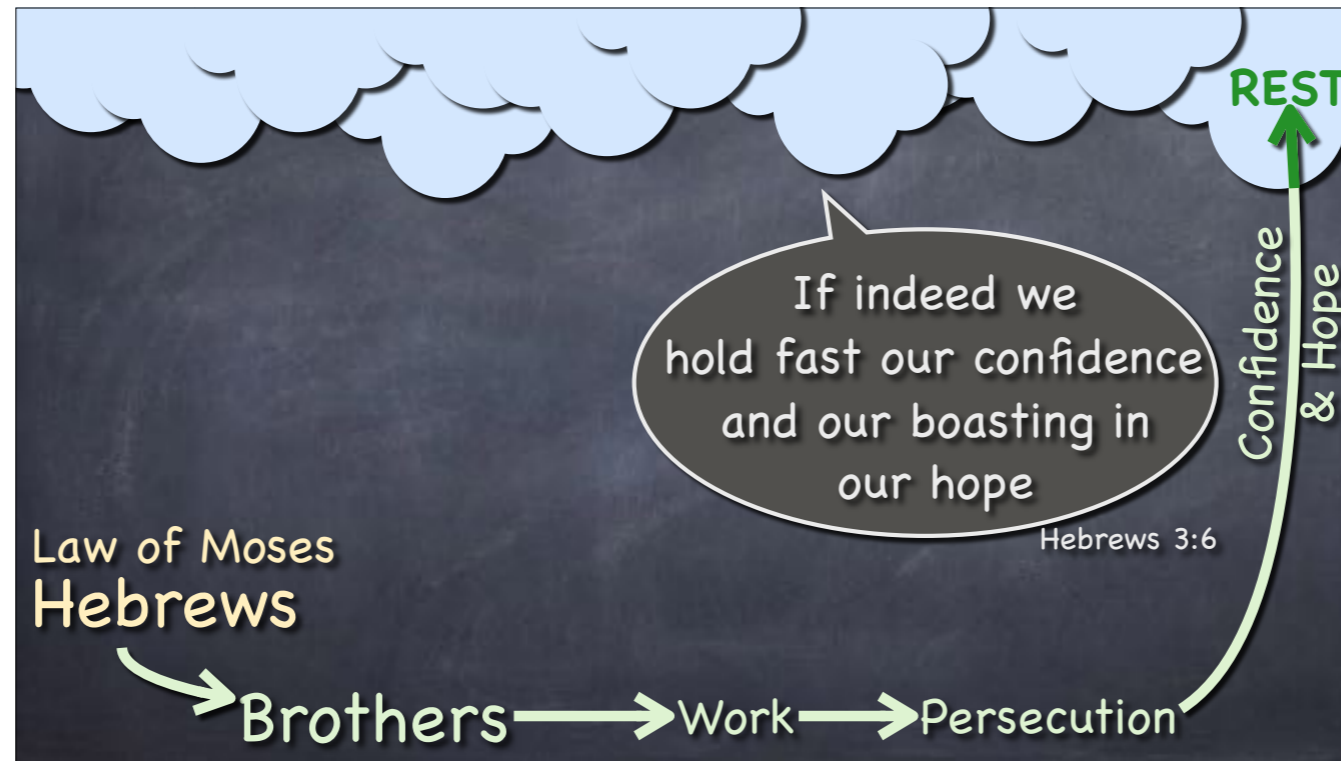




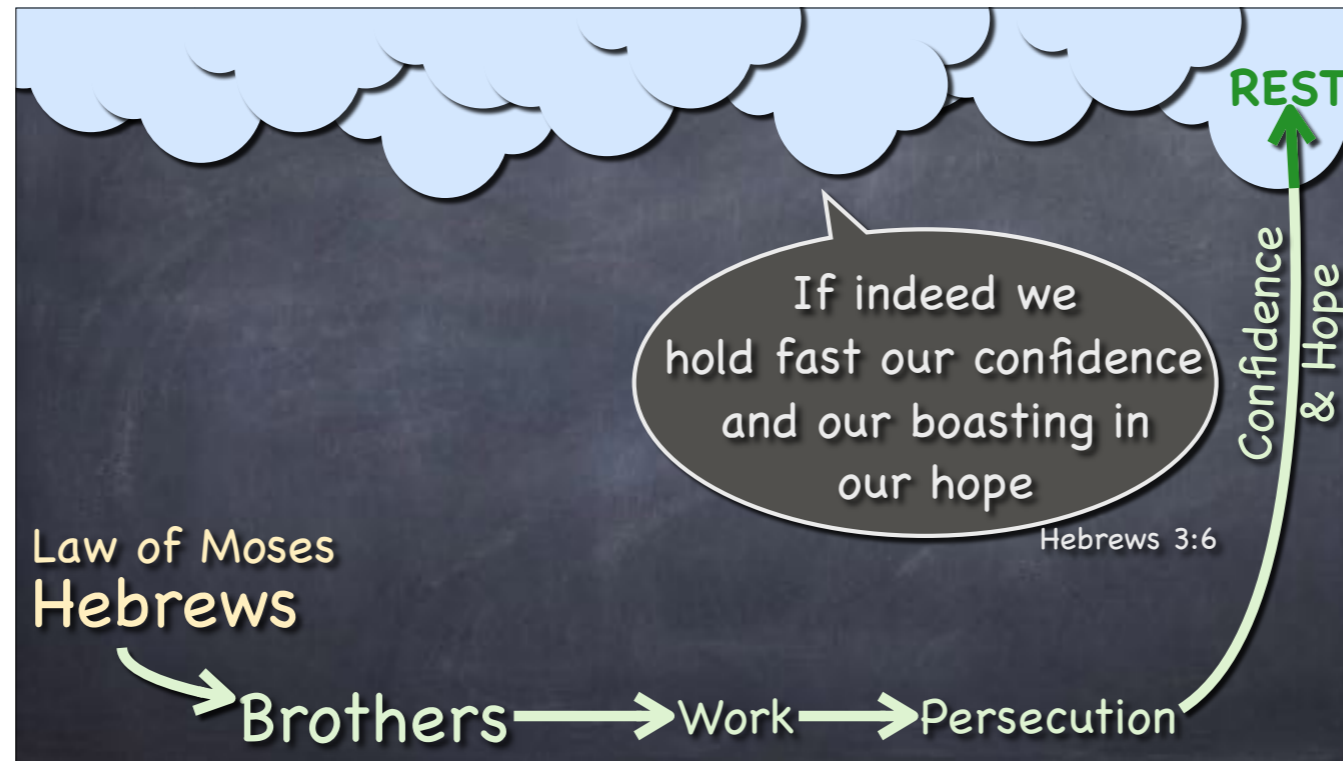
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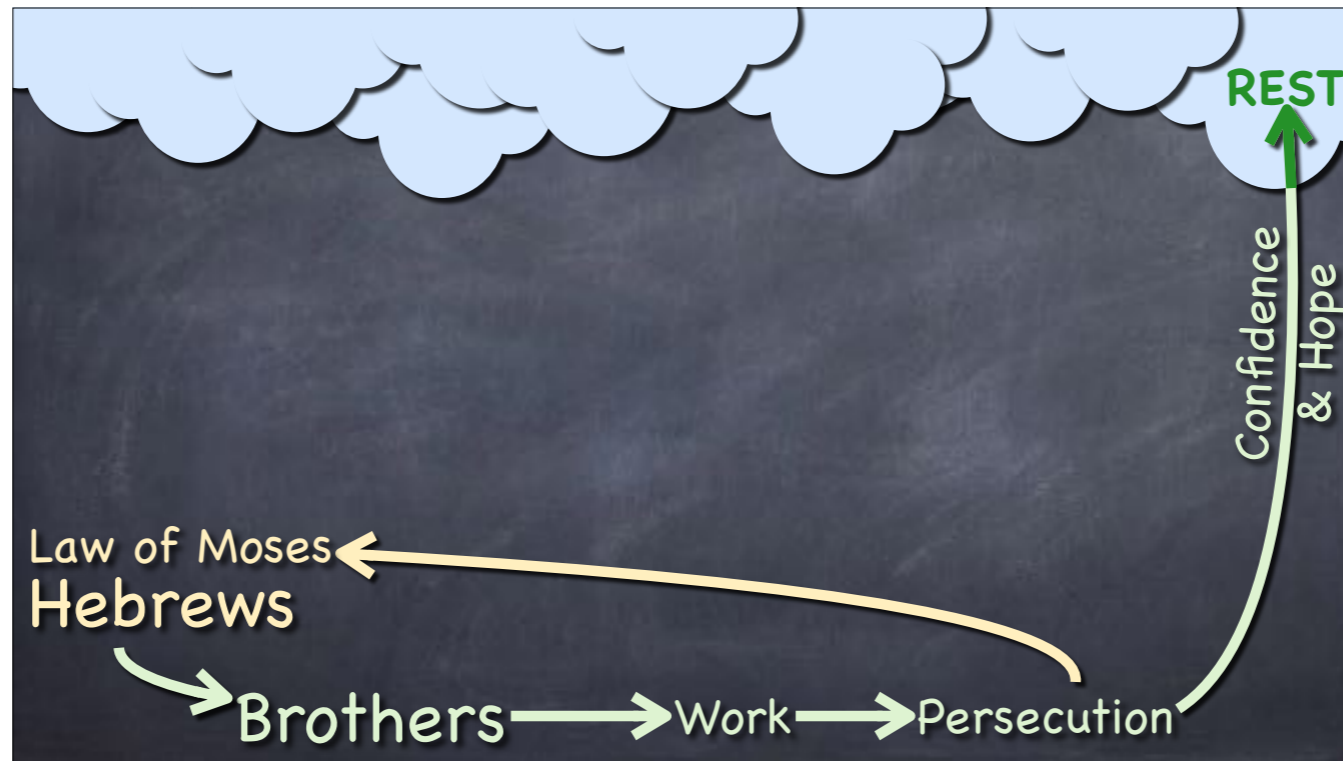
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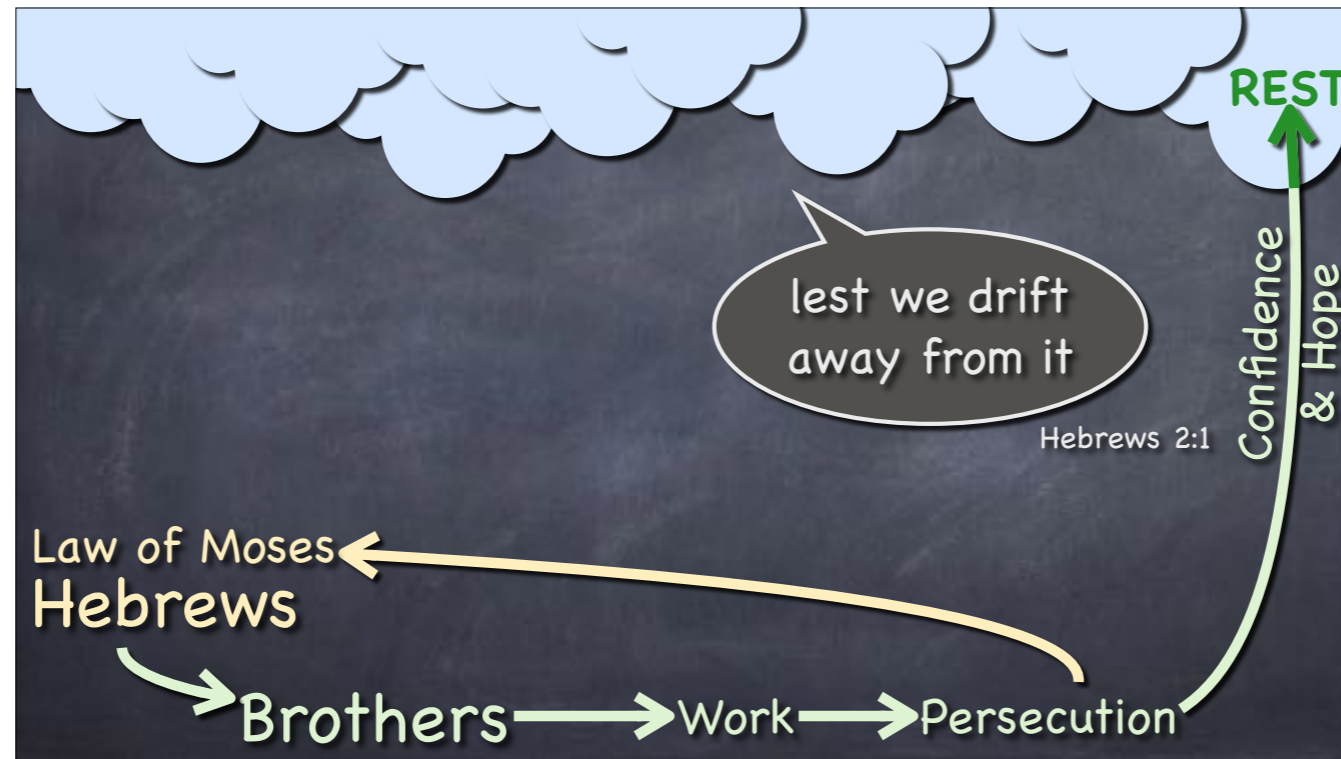
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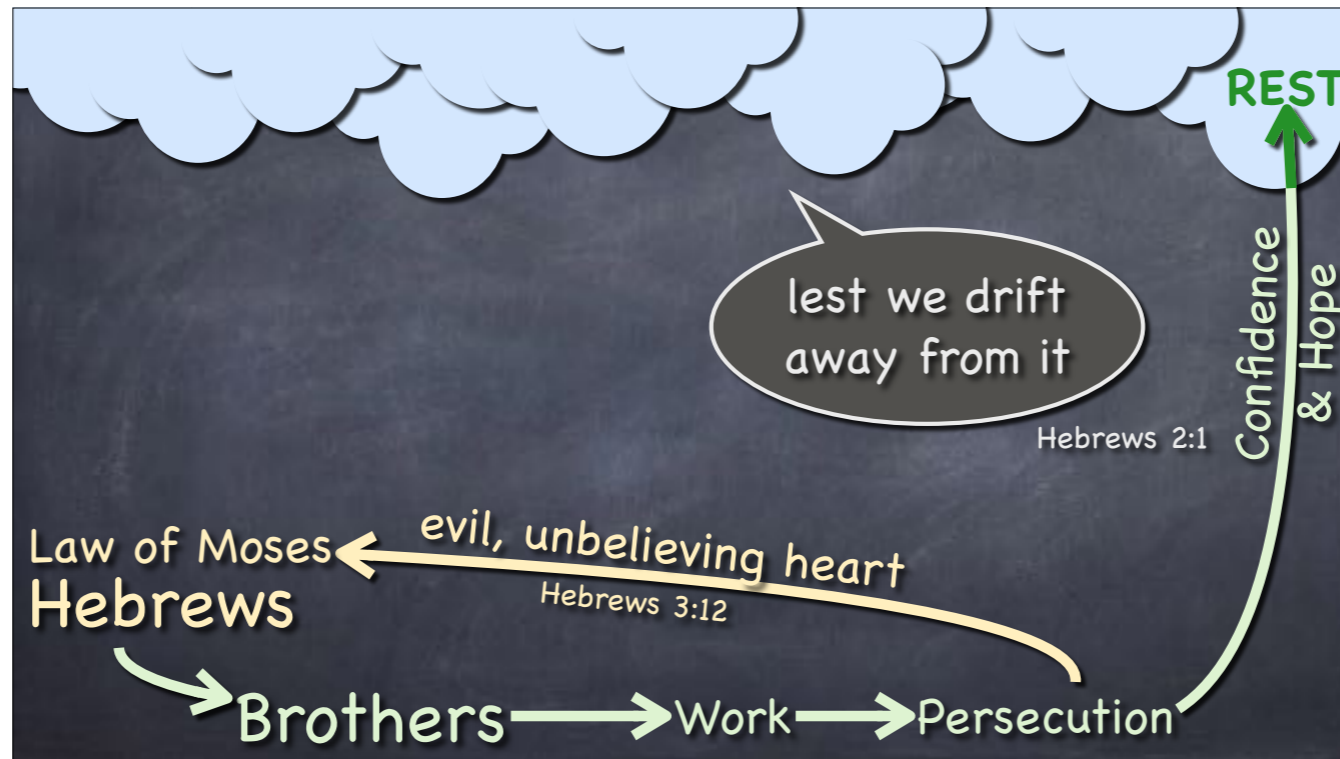
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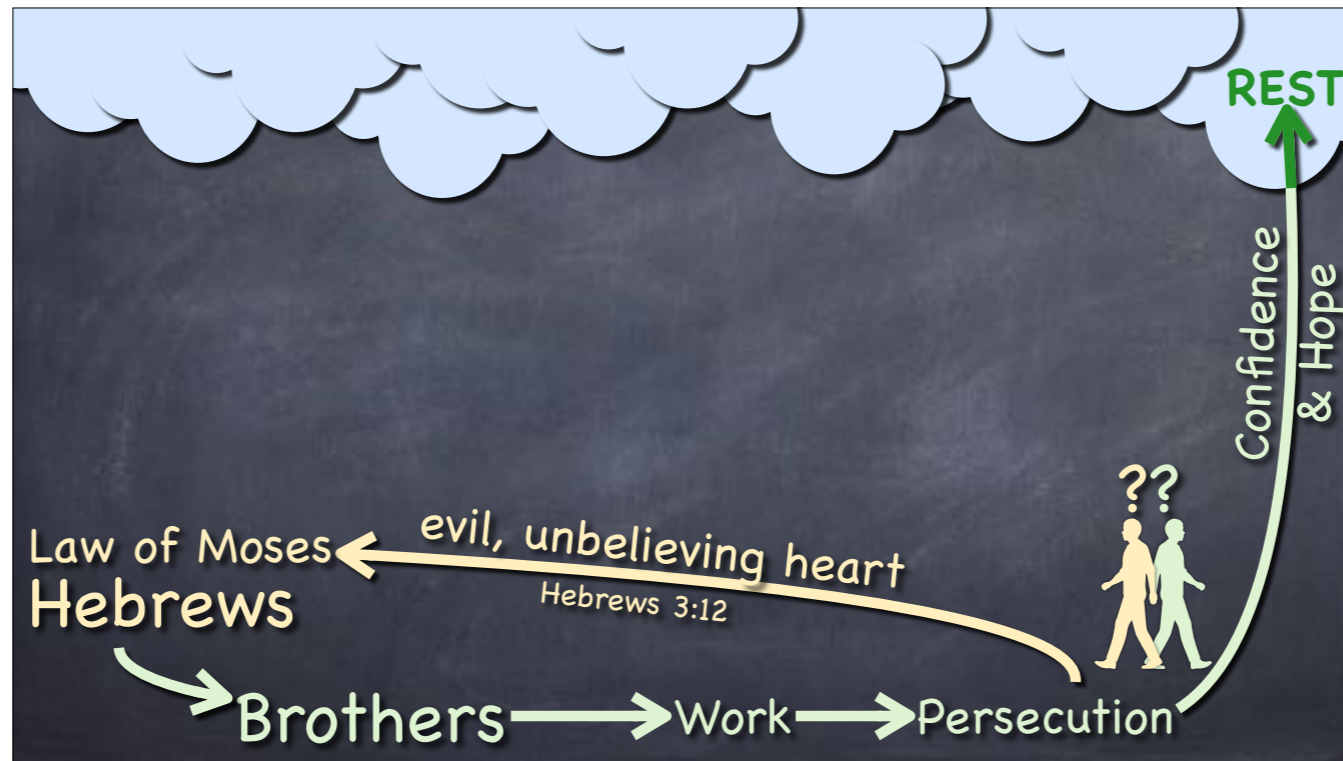
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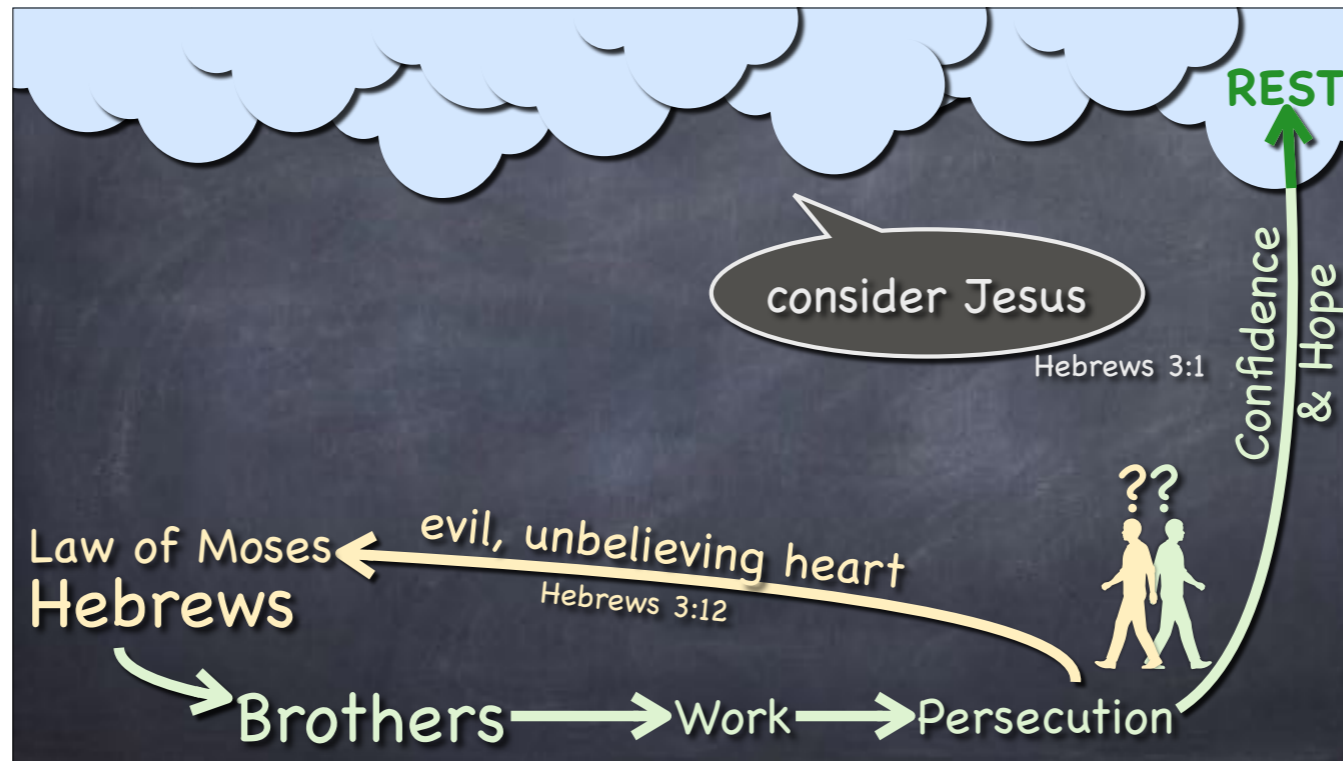


- 3:8: harden your **hearts** (3:15)
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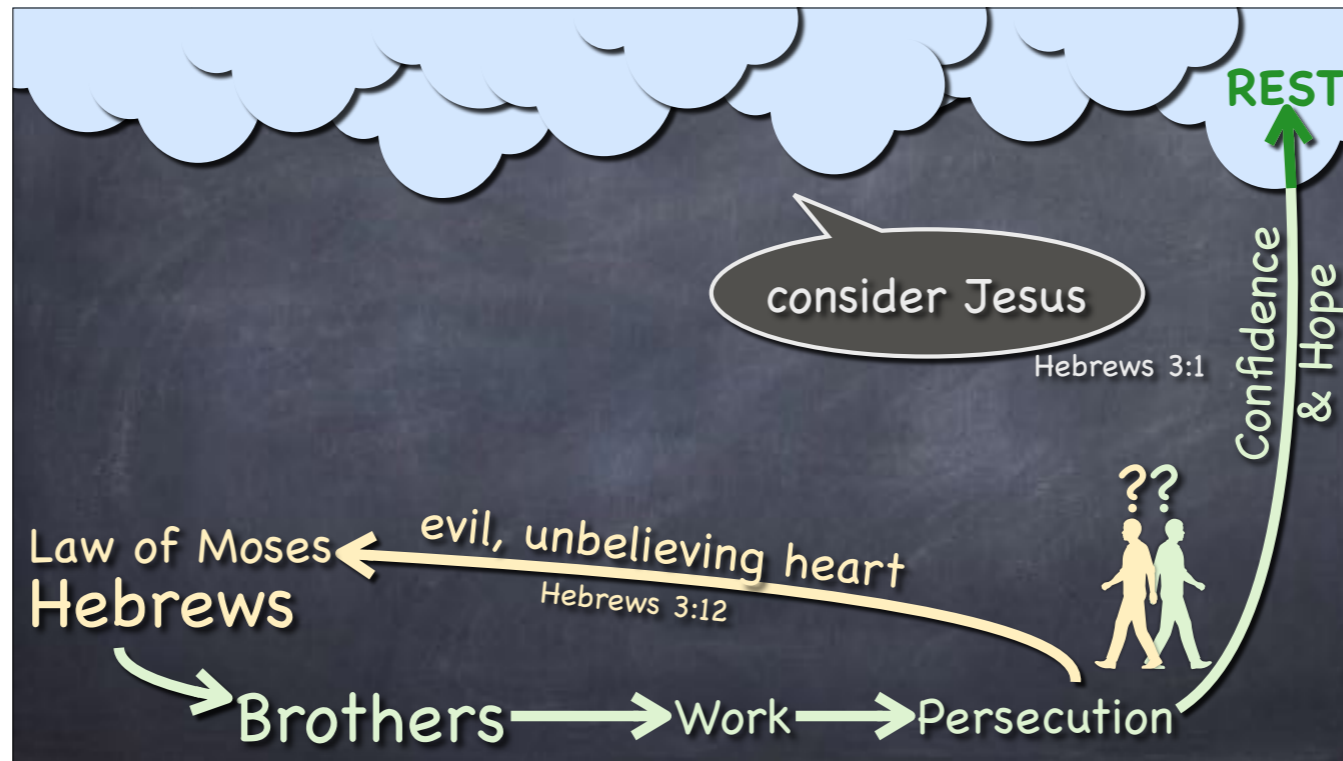


- How can these brothers make the right choice?

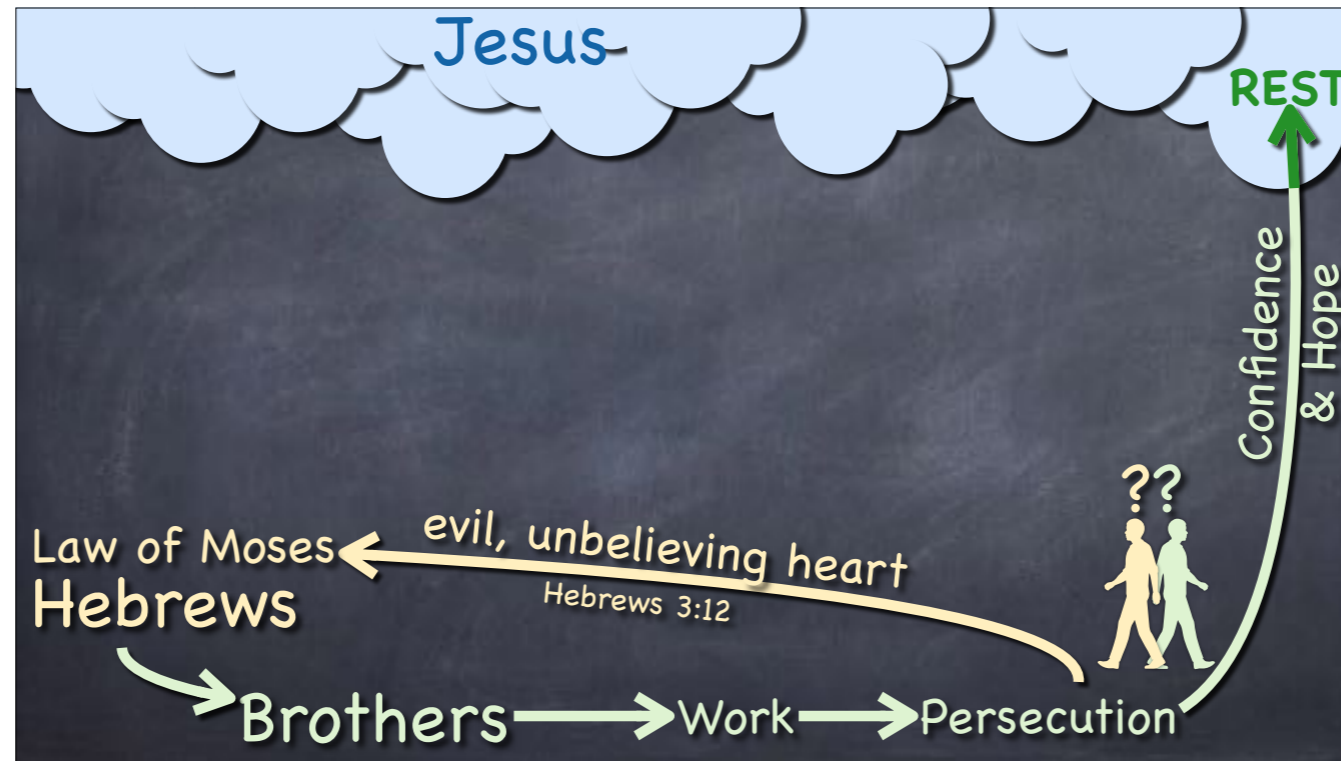




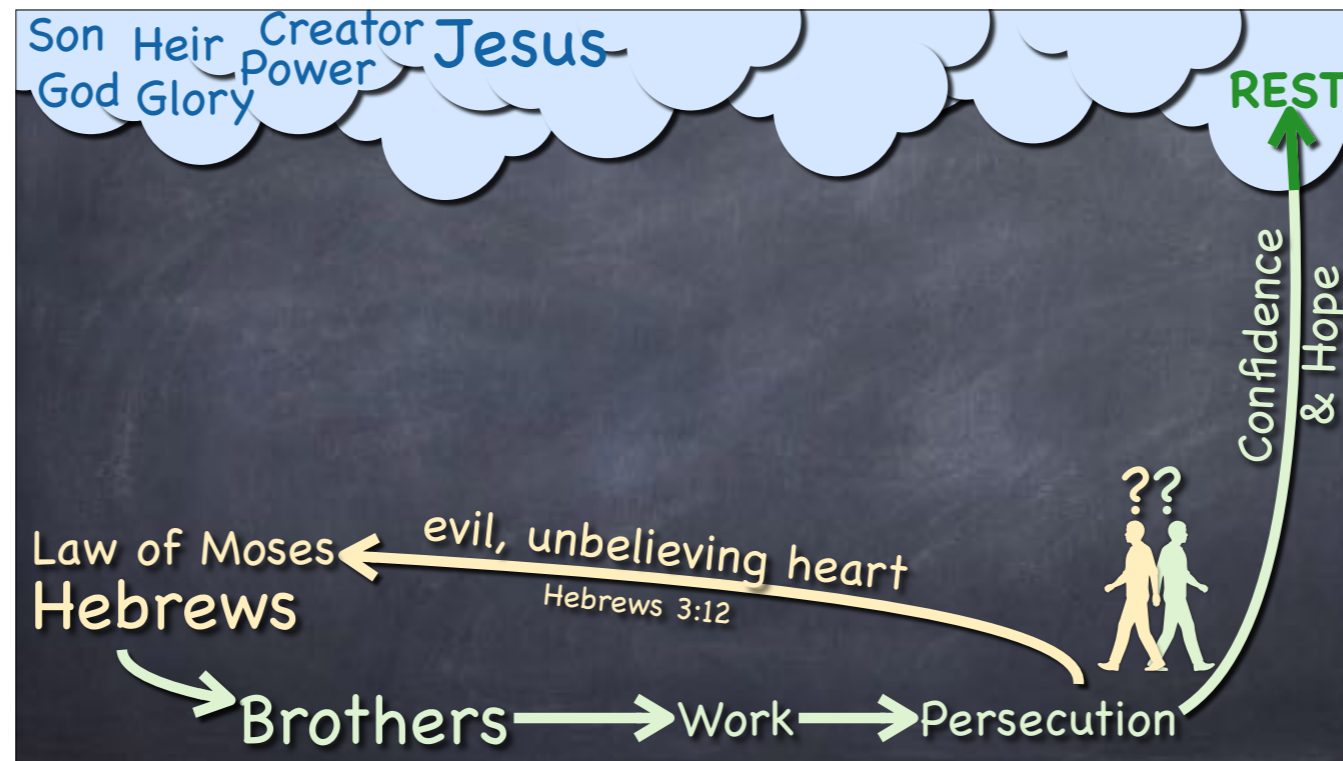
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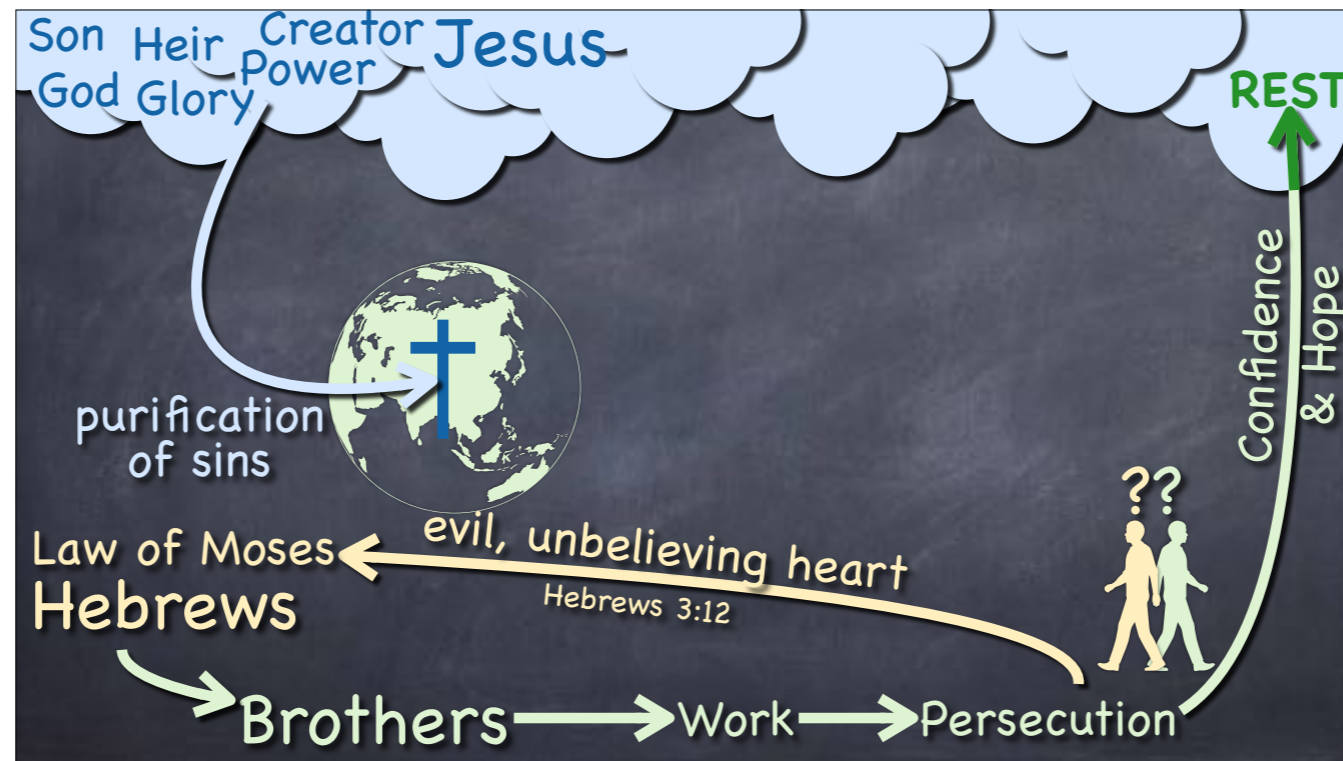
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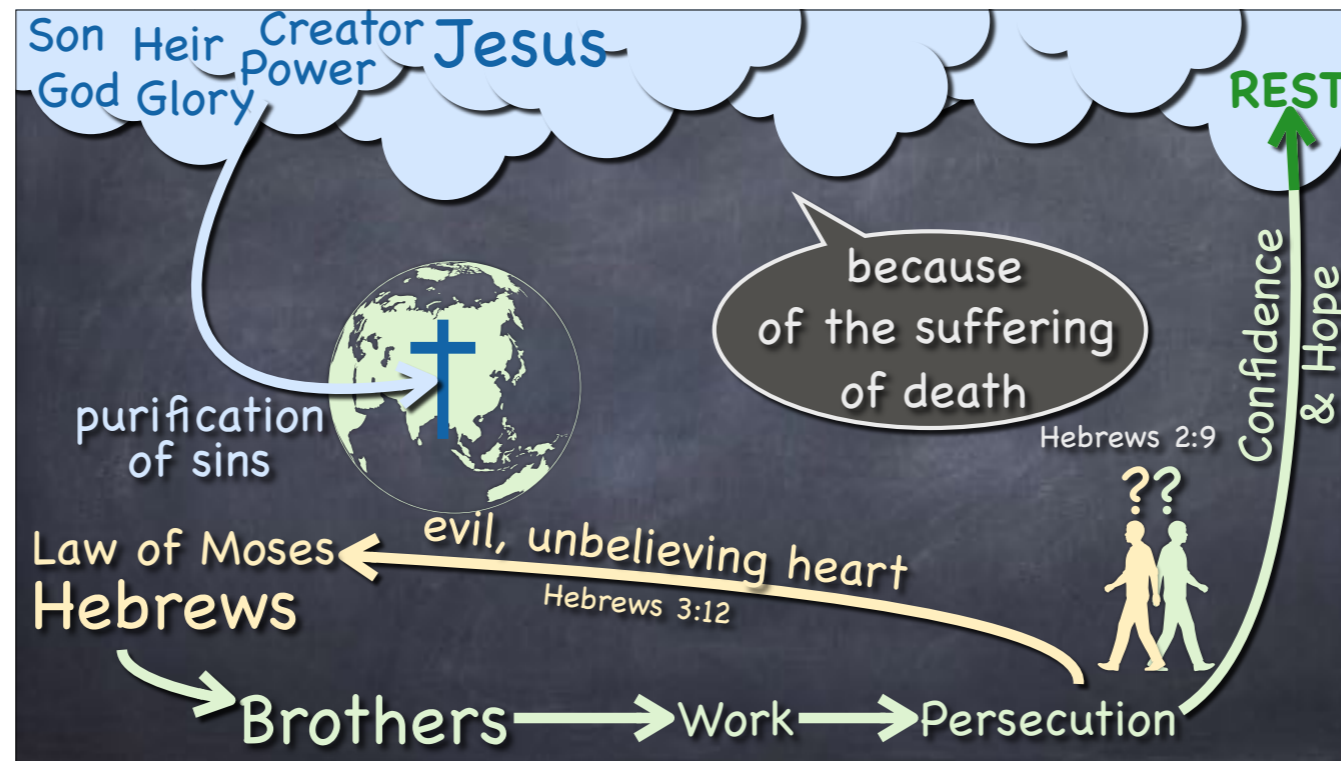
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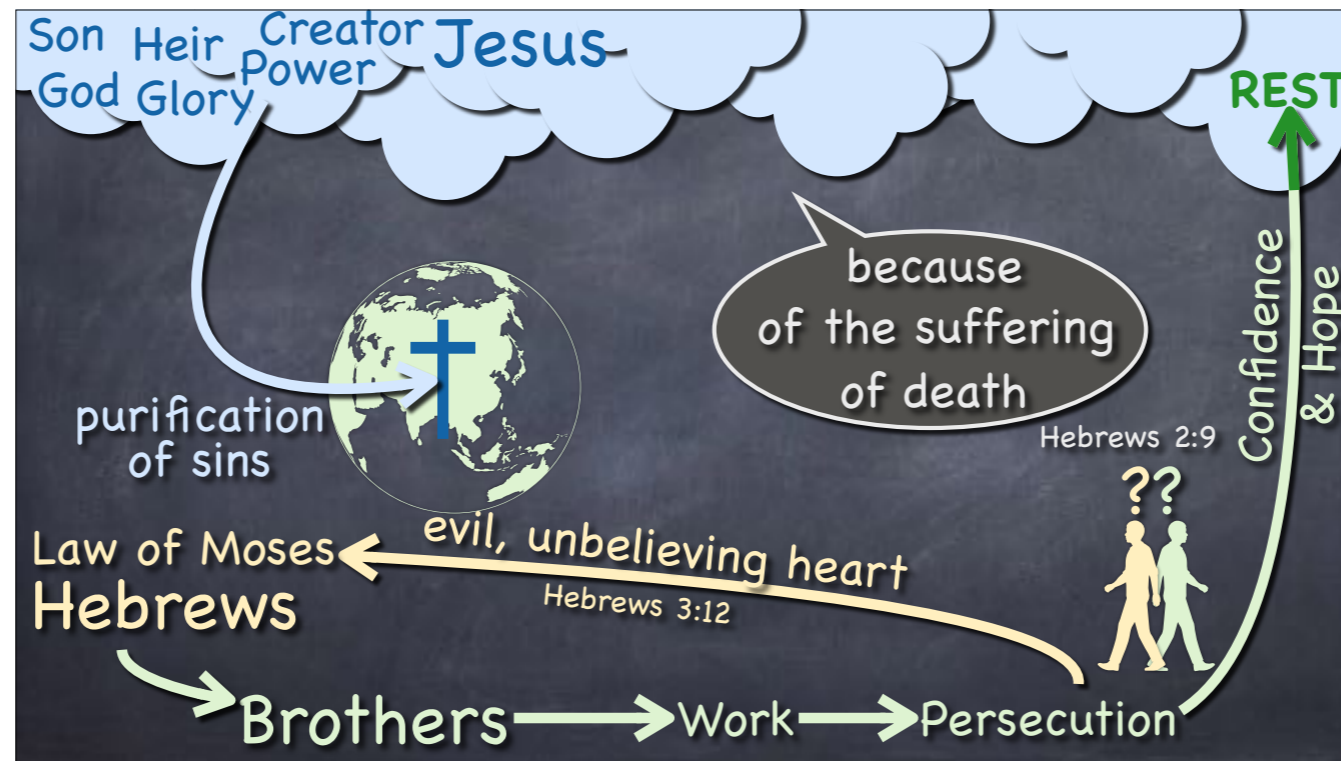
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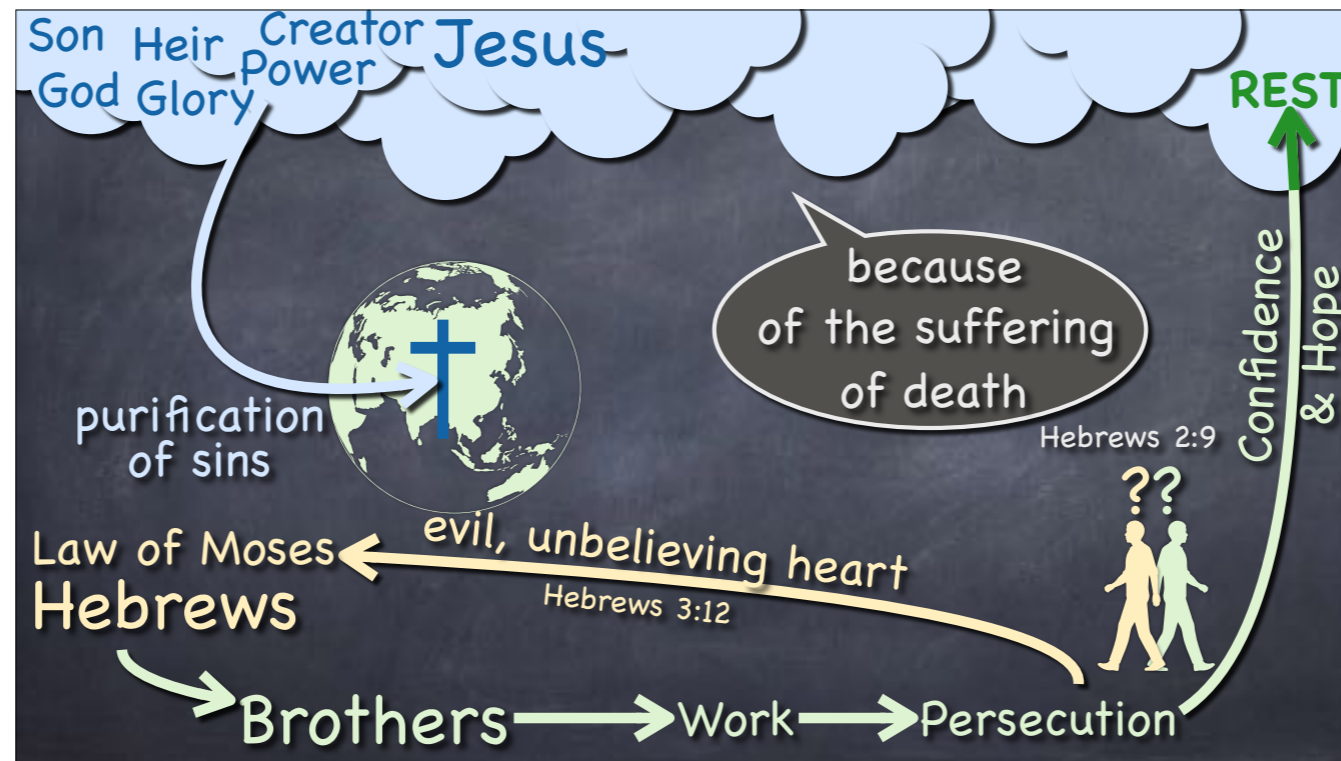
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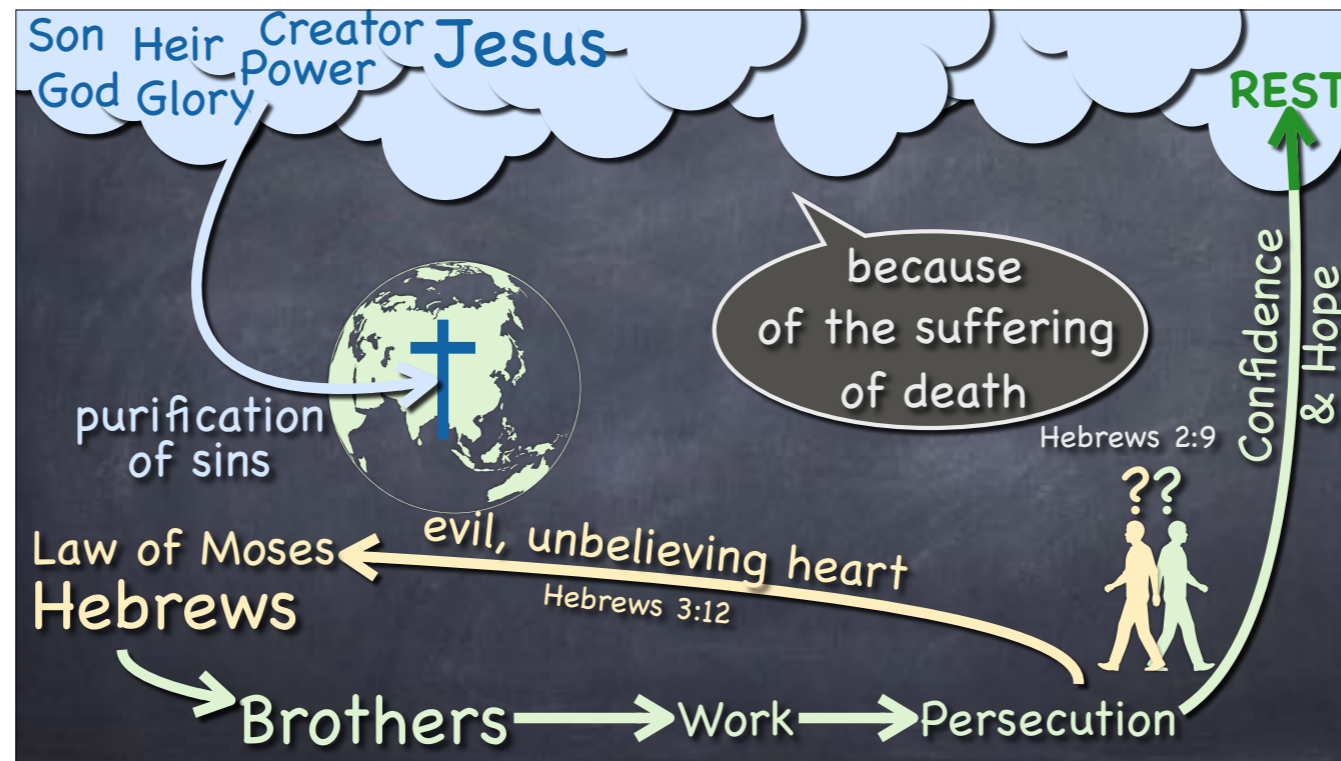


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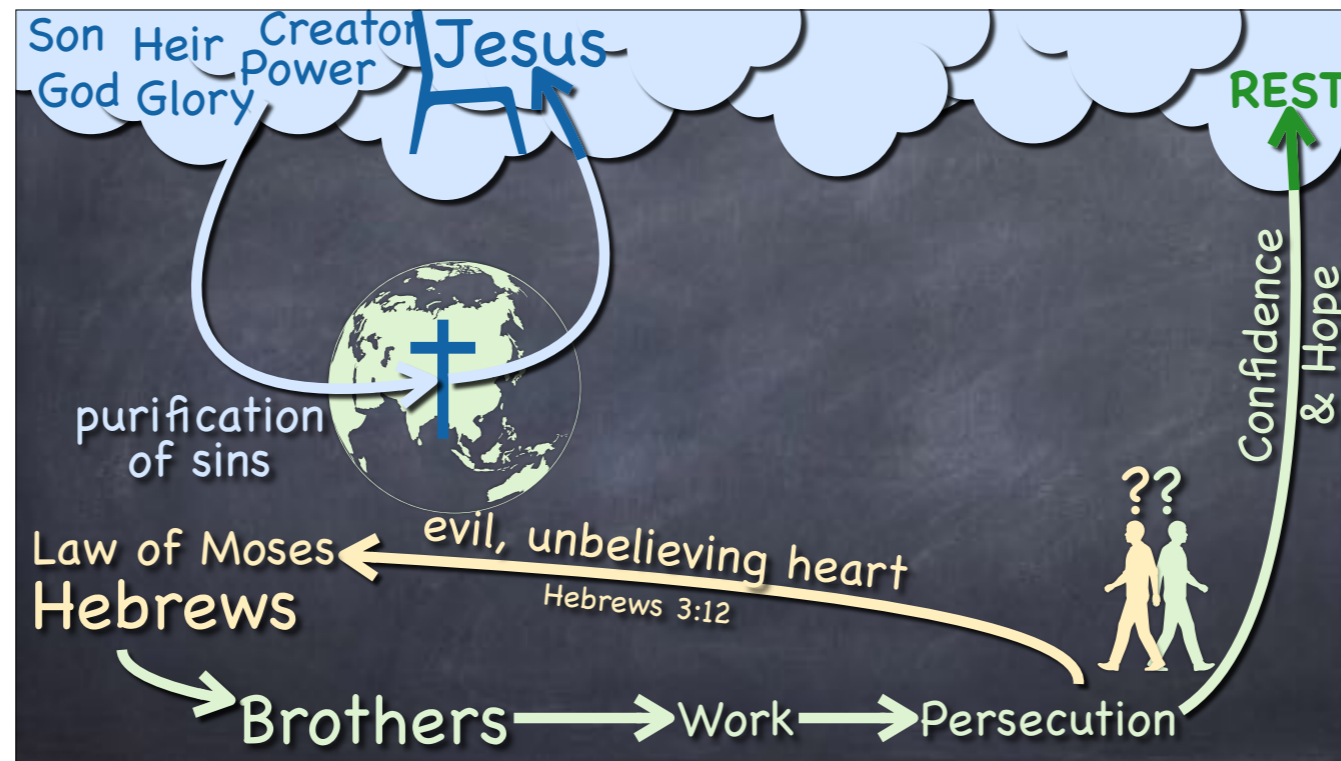


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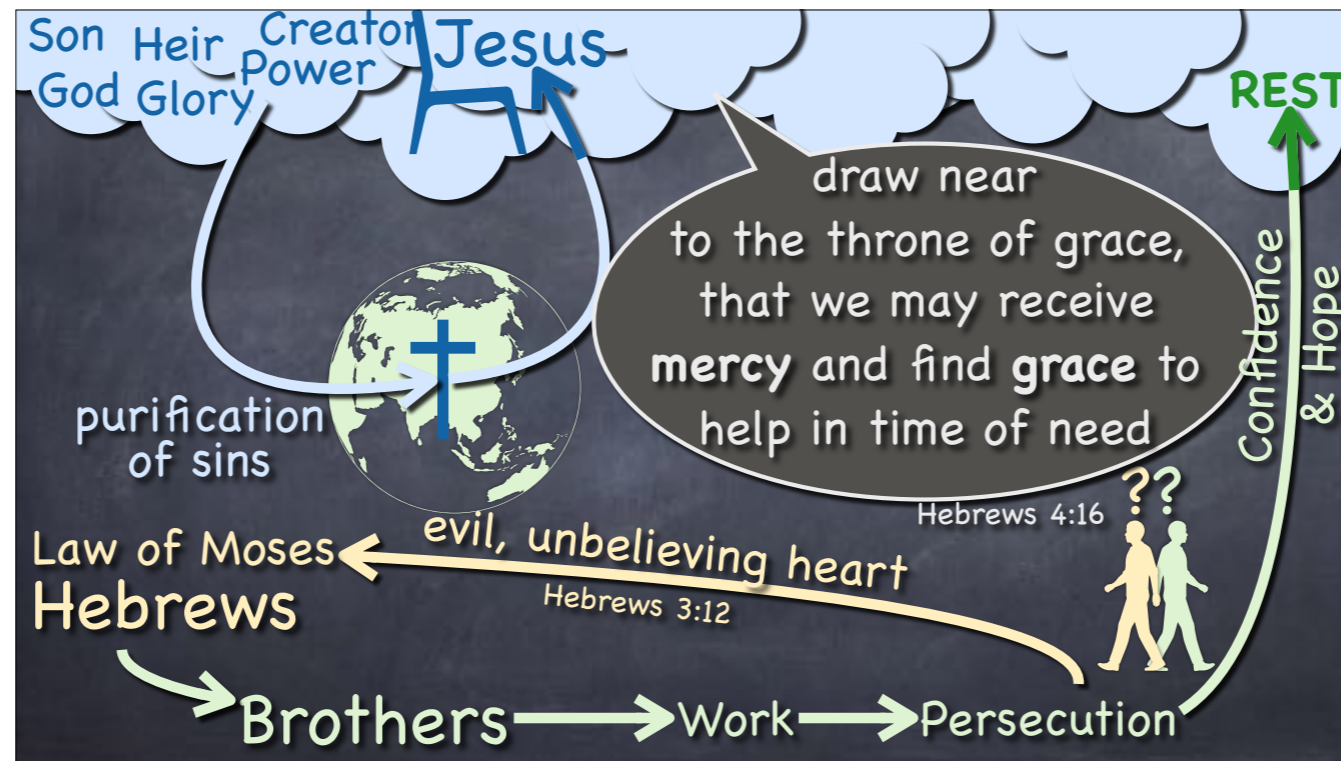




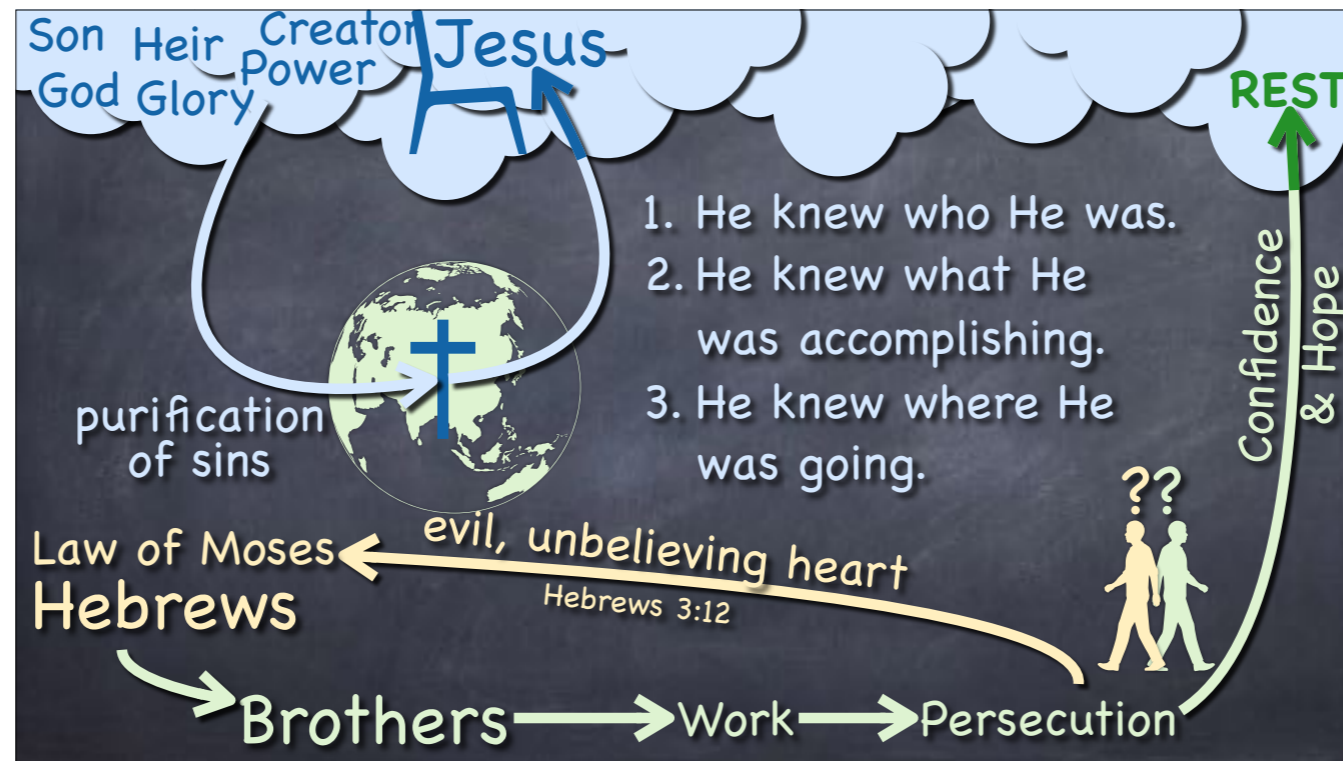
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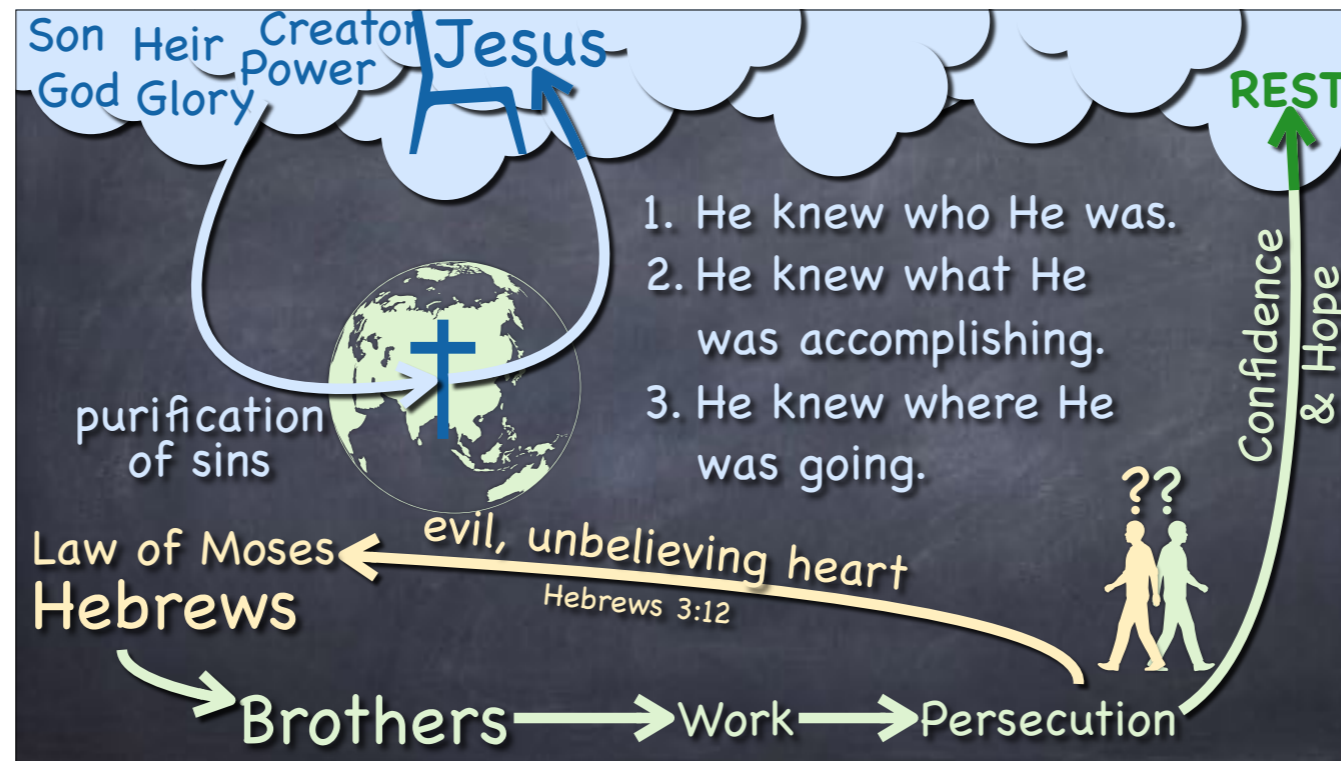
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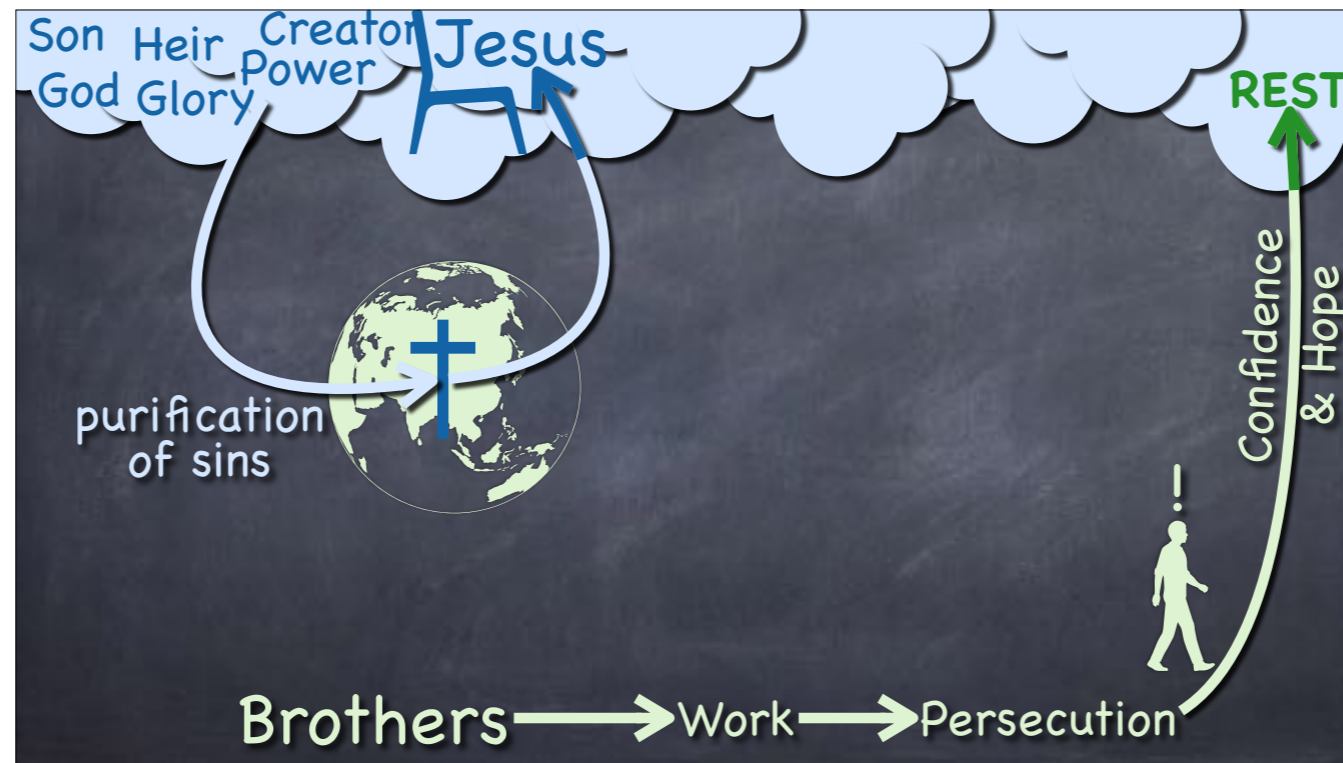
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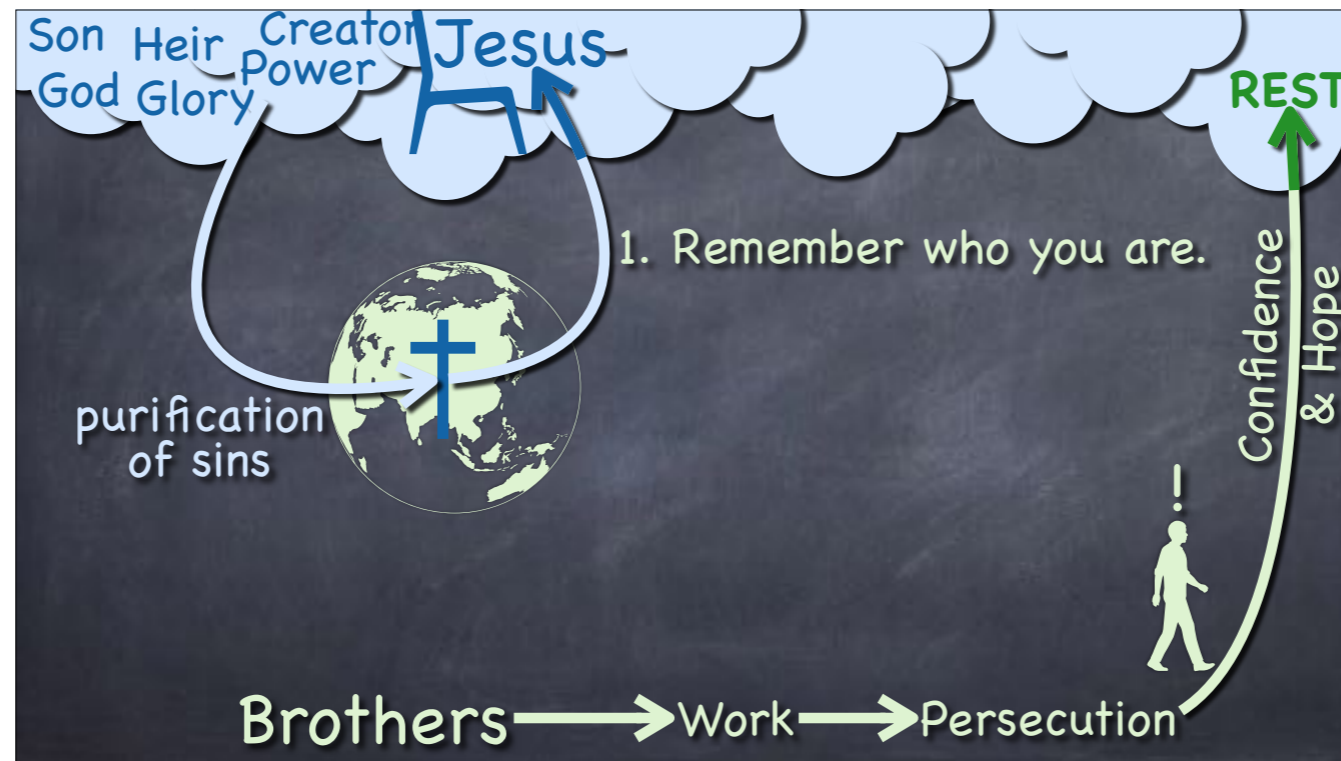
- How did Jesus endure His suffering? with Joy?
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  - He knew what he was accomplishing
    - Purpose: Salvation
    - for Us because of Love
  - He knew where he was going
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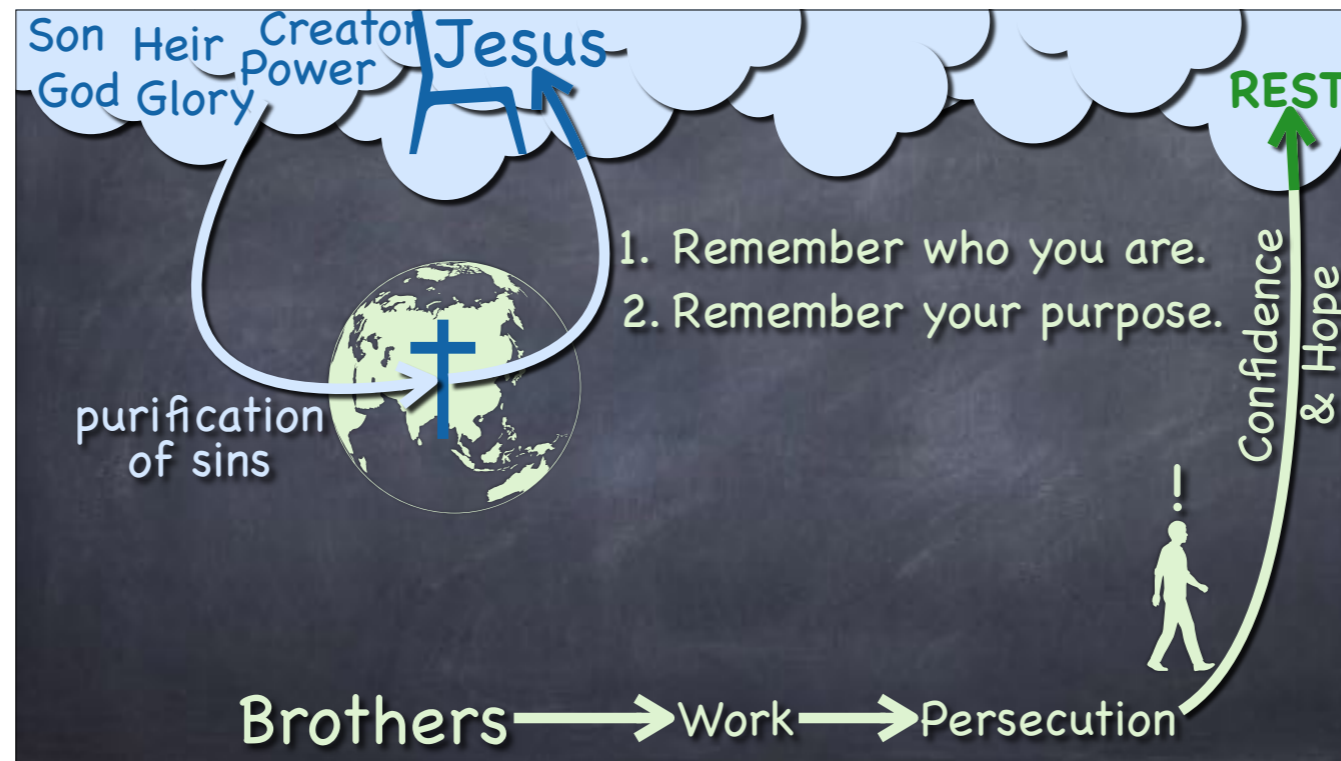
- Why do we struggle with persecution and suffering?
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- How do I endure, following the example of Jesus?

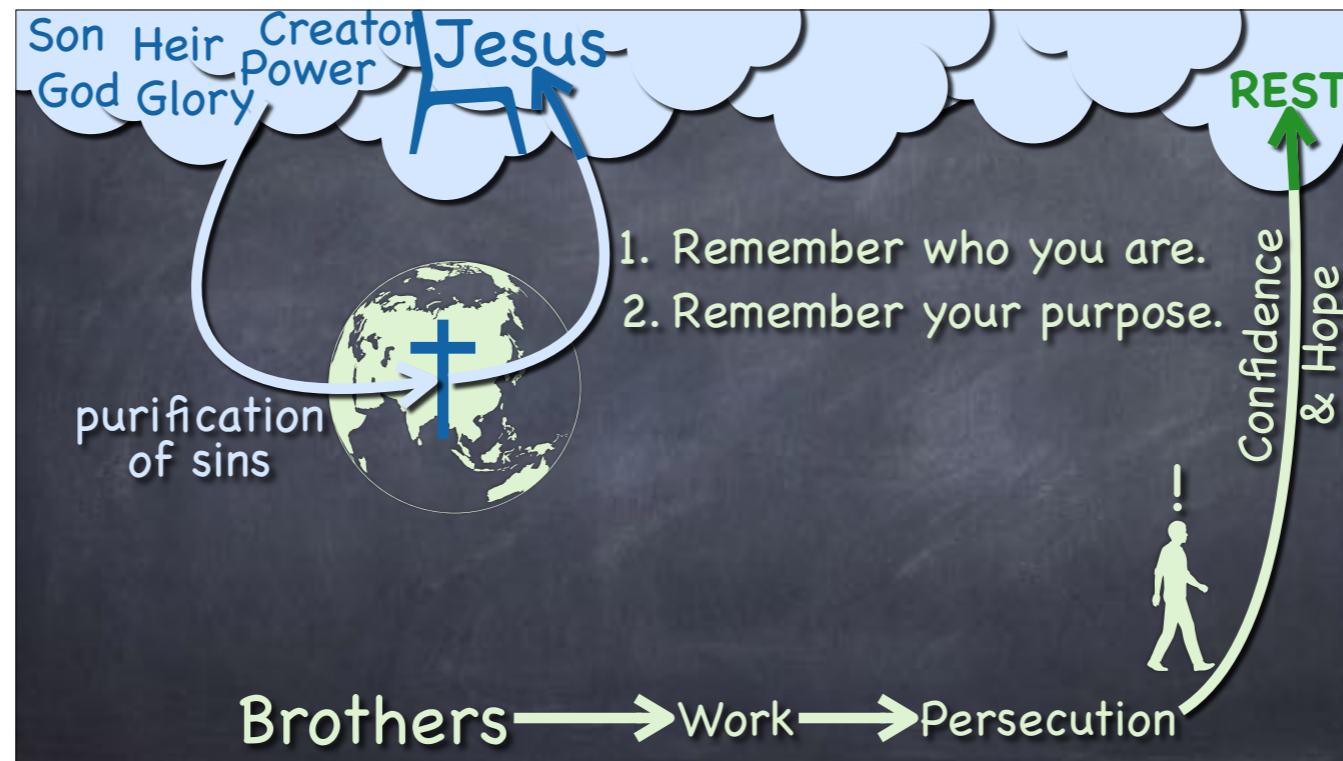


- Remember who you are
  - Holy brothers, His house, share in Christ, sons
  - Hebrews 12:18-24 (ESV) 18 For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. 20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." 21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

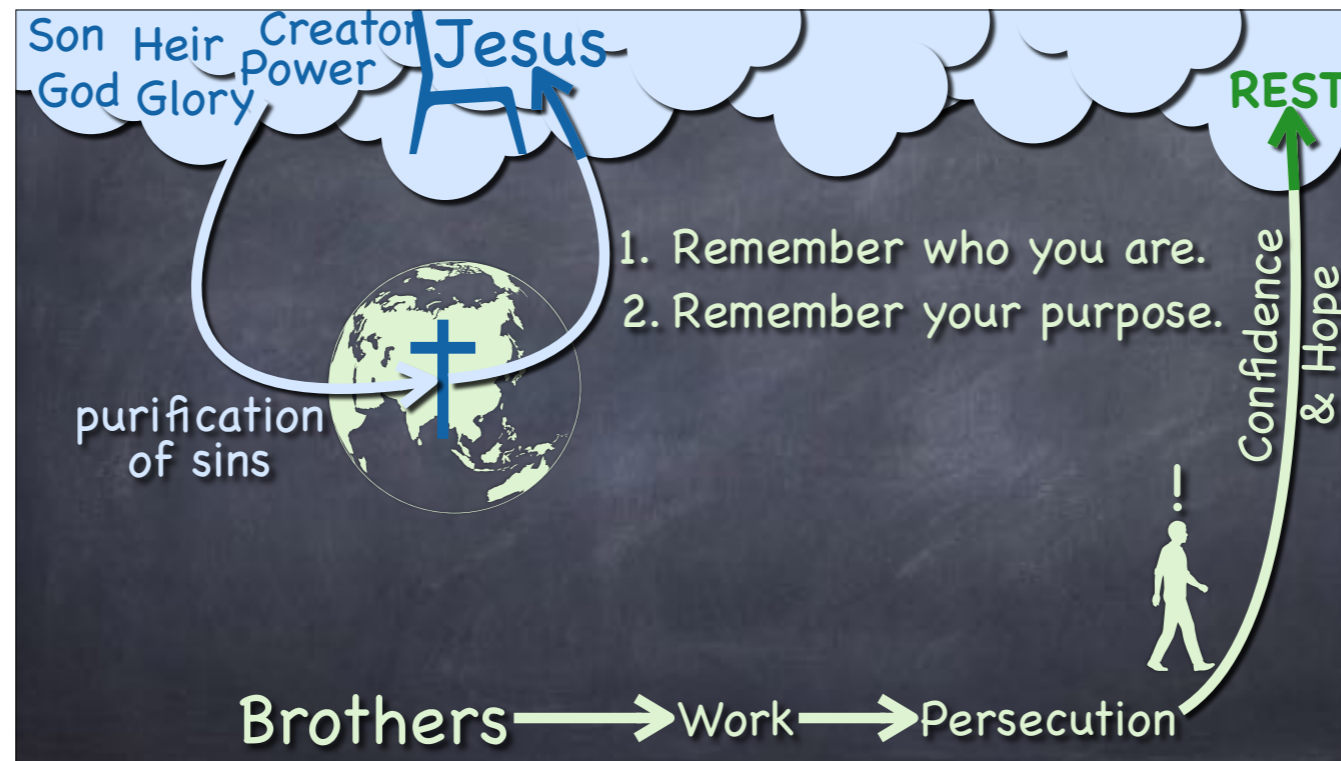


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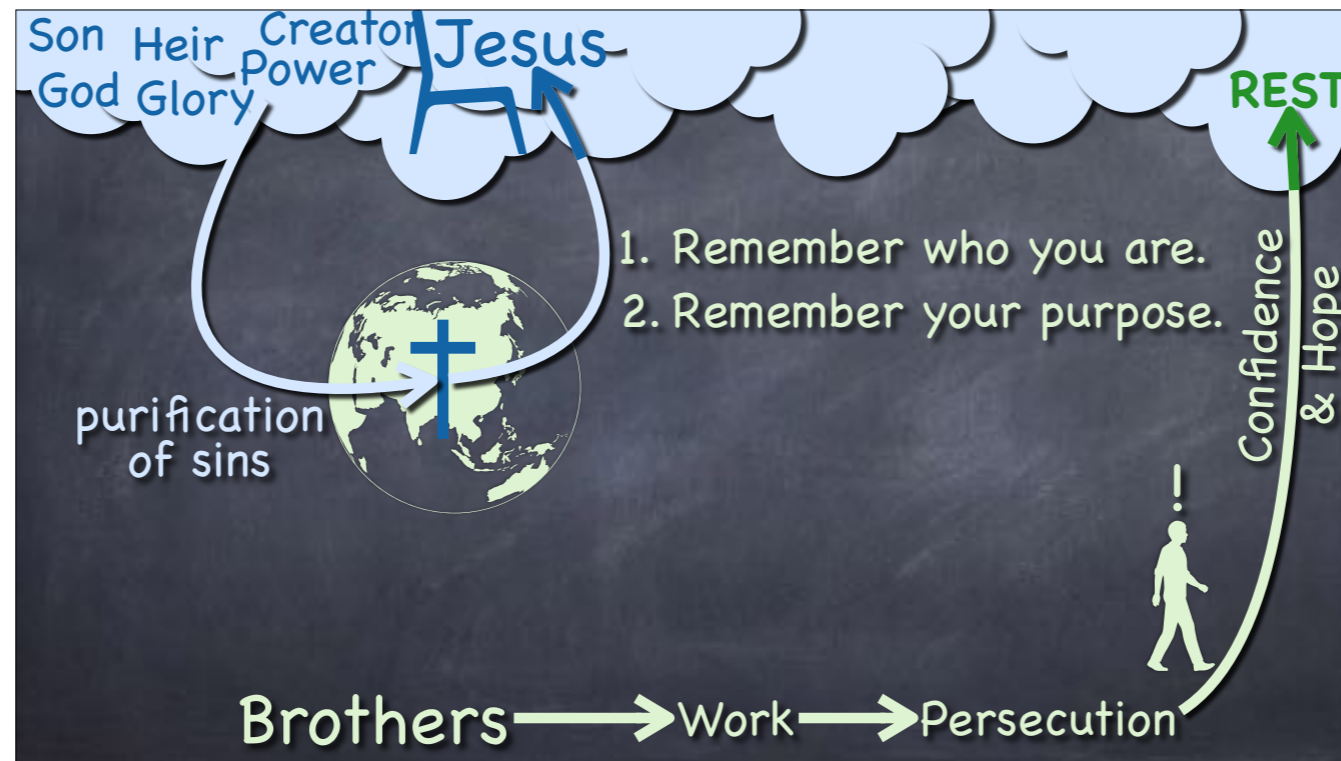




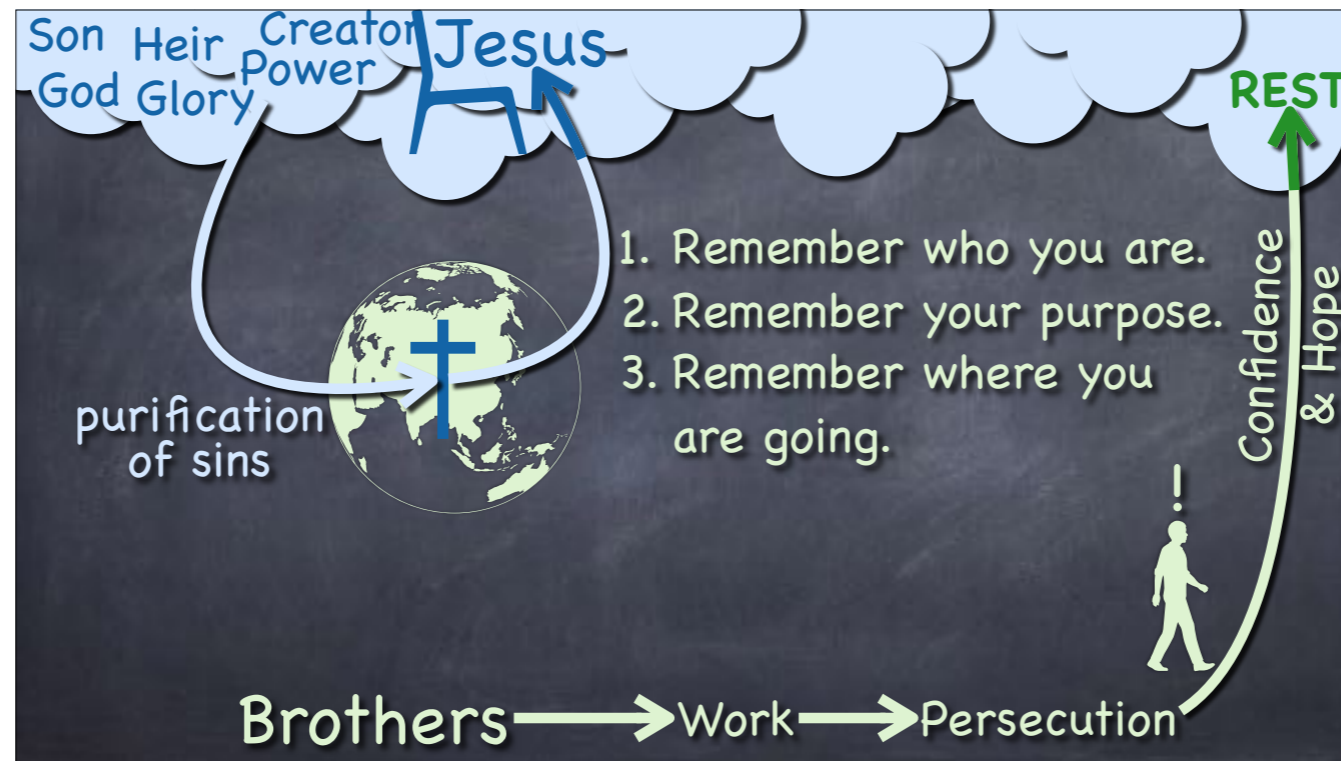
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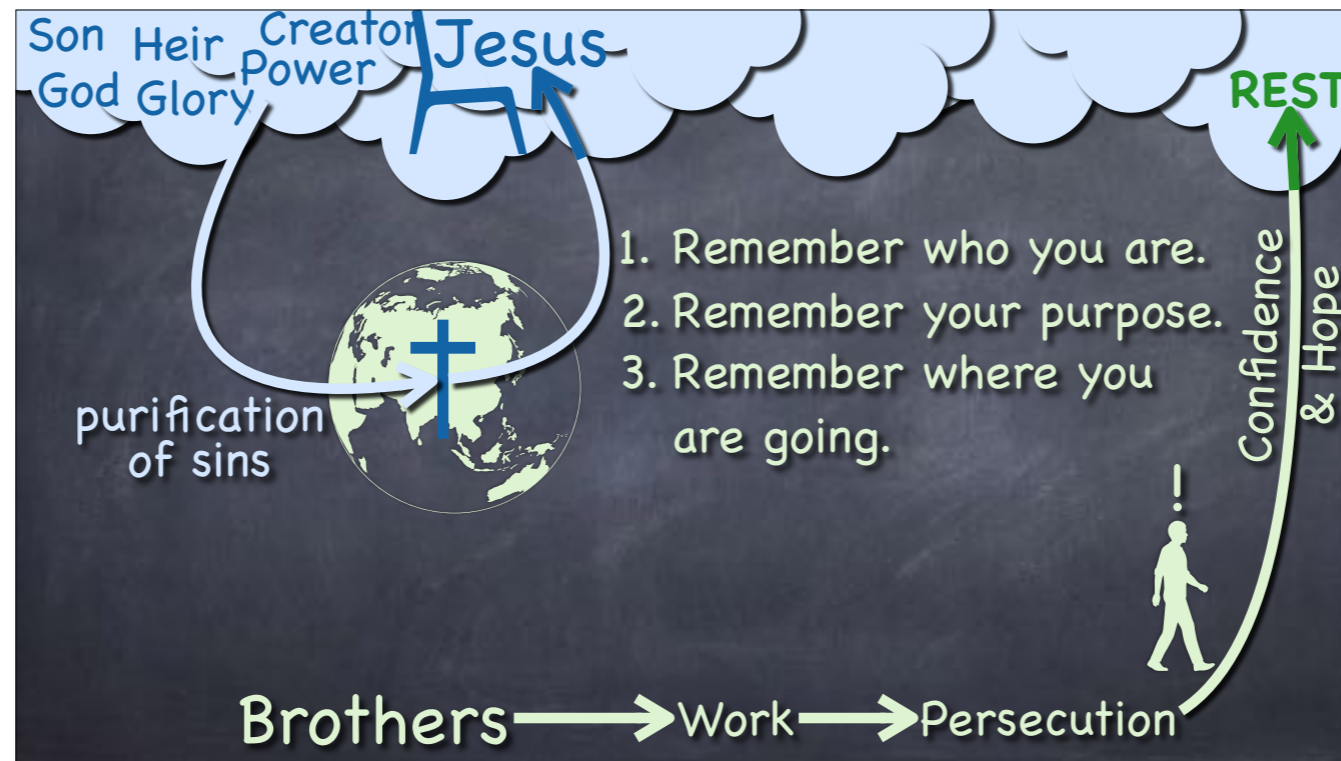
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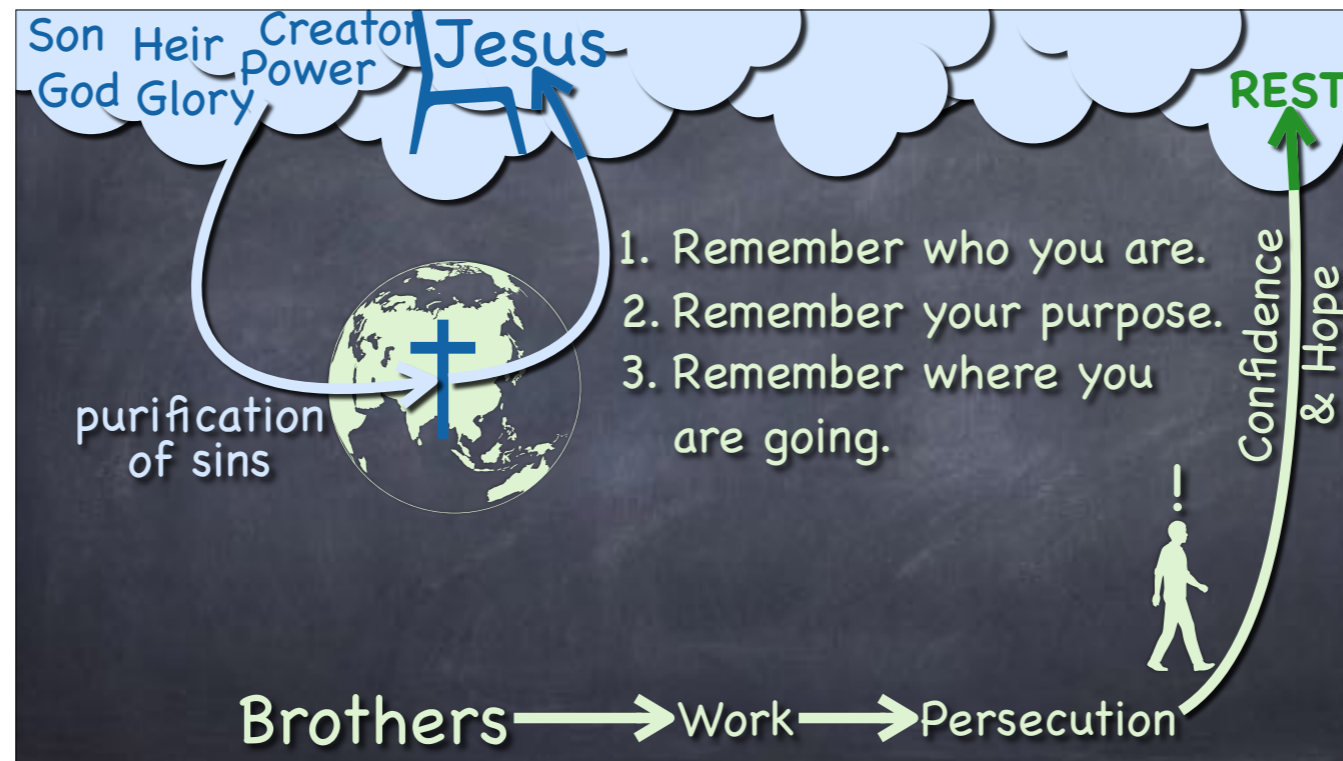
- Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV) 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.



- Remember where you are going
  - Hebrews 11:13-16 (ESV) 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.



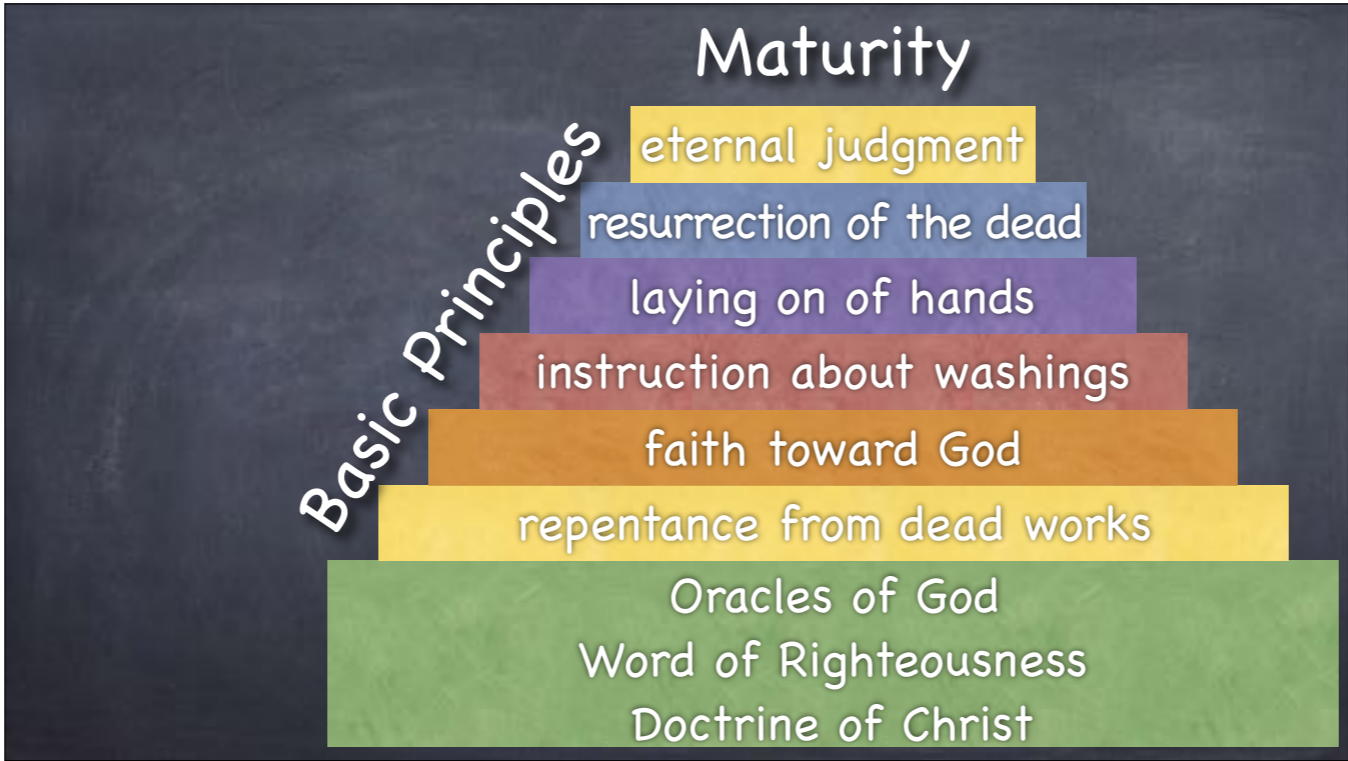
- Hebrews 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.
- Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



- Hebrews 13:12-15 (ESV) 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.
- 13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.
- 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.
- 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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## Go On to Steadfast Hope: Let Us Go to Him

Hebrews 13:12-14

Synopsis: Some of the Hebrew Christians had endured so much persecution that they were tempted to return to following the Law of Moses. In this lesson, we'll see how the writer helps them by pointing to the example of Jesus and seeing that Jesus endured because he knew who he was, he knew his purpose and he knew where he was going.

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