

**Stay the Course**  
**Hebrews 4:12-16**  
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**Hebrews 3:8, 15; 4:11**

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

- **We harden our hearts all the time**

**Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- **God’s Word is the remedy for our hard hearts**

**Hebrews 4:13**

And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- **Conviction is life changing, but guilt and shame are only defeating**

**Genesis 3:7-10**

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”

**Hebrews 4:14-15**

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- **The Lord understands our weaknesses and He made the way of reconciliation**

**Genesis 3:21**

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**Romans 8:1**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**Proverbs 24:16a**

for the righteous falls seven times and rises again,

**Hebrews 4:16**

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- **The Gospel gives us the freedom to come to God, anytime, anywhere and in any circumstance.**

**1 John 1:9**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Philippians 3:13-15**

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.