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Well Done and Carry On

Hebrews 6:9-12

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Background

Many of us can remember favorite teachers from childhood. A good teacher congratulates students for progress made but also challenges and inspires to further progress. After last week's harsh warning (6:4-8), the writer of Hebrews now reassures his readers of their progress, and challenges them to keep on.

Sermon Text: *Heb 6:9-12 (NIV)*

[9](#) Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation. [10](#) God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. [11](#) We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized. [12](#) We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Discussion Questions

1. Preparation

- What is one thing you hoped to talk about today/tonight?
- What question(s) did you come away with from the sermon?
- What is the best thing you heard on Sunday?

2. Sunday questions

- Do you have a favorite teacher, either from childhood or otherwise? What makes/made that person your favorite?
- The preacher recognizes the work the congregation is doing in loving others. For yourself, explain how on any typical day “your vertical love for God is being expressed horizontally for others”?



- Bernard said, “The Christian family is a beautiful thing.” Is this your view? Has it always been your view? Why or why not?
- Is there a teacher/coach/leader that you have tried to imitate? Is there a Biblical character that you try to imitate (besides Jesus)? What was it about that person which caused you to want to imitate them?
- “The saints will persevere.” What difficulty are you facing right now which calls for perseverance (ie. persecution, laziness, doubts, disappointment, etc)? Write your perseverance prayer.