

# “The Way it Used to Be”

Hebrews 10:32-39

## I. Suffering ... Was Worth it

### A) Their Great Salvation

“Three Magic words?” = \_\_\_\_\_.  
Hebrews 2:3

### B) Their Past Afflictions

- 1) sometimes public reproach/affliction
  - 2) sometimes partners with those reproached/afflicted
- Mt 5:11-12

### C) Their Former Response

## II. Endurance ... is Needed

### A) Heavenly Confidence

Heb 11:6

### B) His Strength Helps us Endure

## III. Faith ... Will Abound

### A) The Eyes of Heaven

- <sup>34</sup> joyfully accepted the plundering of your property = \_\_\_\_\_
- <sup>35</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence = \_\_\_\_\_
- <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, = \_\_\_\_\_
- <sup>37</sup> Therefore do not throw away your confidence ... \_\_\_\_\_

### B) Because of these promises we ... Never Give In

We have an enemy, but WE will win ... [because HE ALREADY WON] Ephesians 6:12  
Job 19:25-27; 2 Corinthians 4:7-9

### C) Jesus Is our Example ... He never Wavered

He endured so we can endure ... Hebrews 12:1

## Application Questions:

- *Why does remembering and ruminating on your 'salvation story' strengthen your faith in times of struggle?*
- *How can having "heavens eyes" give you confidence for the future? What tends to happen when you look at your life only through "earth's eyes?"*
- *What is the difference between heavenly confidence and earthly confidence? How have you confused the two in times past?*
- *How does Jesus' example at the cross inspire you to trust God for a 'great outcome' even though all you can see and feel is 'great pain' and great 'confusion?'*
- *What areas are you tempted to give up or give in or to give way to circumstances rather than entrusting yourself to God and His promises to sustain and empower you?*

## Quotes

*"Because Satan hates us, he's determined to rob us of the joy we'd have if we believed what God tells us about the magnificent world to come." [Randy Alcorn](#), [Heaven](#).*

*"In the truest sense, Christian pilgrims have the best of both worlds. We have joy whenever this world reminds us of the next, and we take solace whenever it does not." C. S. Lewis*

## The Legacy of Abraham Lincoln ... *Endurance*

Abraham Lincoln ...

Failed in business age 22; Ran for Legislature--defeated age 23; Again failed in business age 24; Elected to Legislature age 25; sweetheart died age 26; Had a nervous breakdown age 27; Defeated for Speaker age 29; Defeated for Elector age 31; Defeated for Congress age 34; Elected to Congress age 37; Defeated for Congress age 39; Defeated for Senate age 46; Defeated for Vice President age 47; Defeated for Senate age 49 ; Elected President of the United States 51