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## Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> which He inaugurated for us, a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our body washed with pure water.

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<sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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## Holding Fast Together

<sup>12</sup> Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. <sup>13</sup> But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end, (Heb. 3:12-14)

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### 1. The Necessity of Perseverance

- we must continue to hold fast our hope in Christ until the end in order to inherit final salvation
- we persevere in light of God's faithfulness to His promise which can never fail (cf. 6:17-18)

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### 2. The Necessity of Mutual Encouragement

- we must consider carefully one another – give caring attention to each other
- mutual concern is for the purpose of "provoking" each other to the essential fruit of genuine faith
- we accomplish this by exhorting one another – encourage, comfort, warn, admonish, rebuke

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### 3. The Necessity of Assembling Together

- the assembling of the church is the usual and necessary context of mutual encouragement
- those who forsake assembling are in danger of not holding fast to Christ (apostasy)

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### ➤ Application

- Commit to assembly of the church on Sundays
- Seek mutual encouragement (small group?)
- Pursue those who are forsaking the assembly

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