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Hebrews 13:7-17

⁷ Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the outcome of their conduct, imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be confirmed by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the Tent have no right to eat.

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¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest *as an offering* for sin, are burned outside the camp. ¹² Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. ¹³ So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴ For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking *the city* which is to come.

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¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

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Means of Endurance

1. Imitating Leaders

- leaders in the church are those who speak the word of God, and whose lives are worthy of imitation (Heb. 2:1-4; 1 Cor. 11:1)
- consider the total impact and conclusion of the lives of former leaders – imitate their faith

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2. Focusing on Jesus Christ

- like past leaders, the object and content of our faith is Jesus Christ alone – the eternal, incarnate Son, exalted forever as High Priest
- the constancy of Jesus Christ rests on the eternity of the Son of God (cf. Heb. 1:12)

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3. Feasting on Grace

- we must avoid all teachings that undermine the all-sufficiency of Christ and His priesthood
- we are to confirm our hearts with the grace in Christ not obsolete or empty rituals (cf. 4:16)

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Means of Endurance

- we have an altar—the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus—from which we continually feast on His grace

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