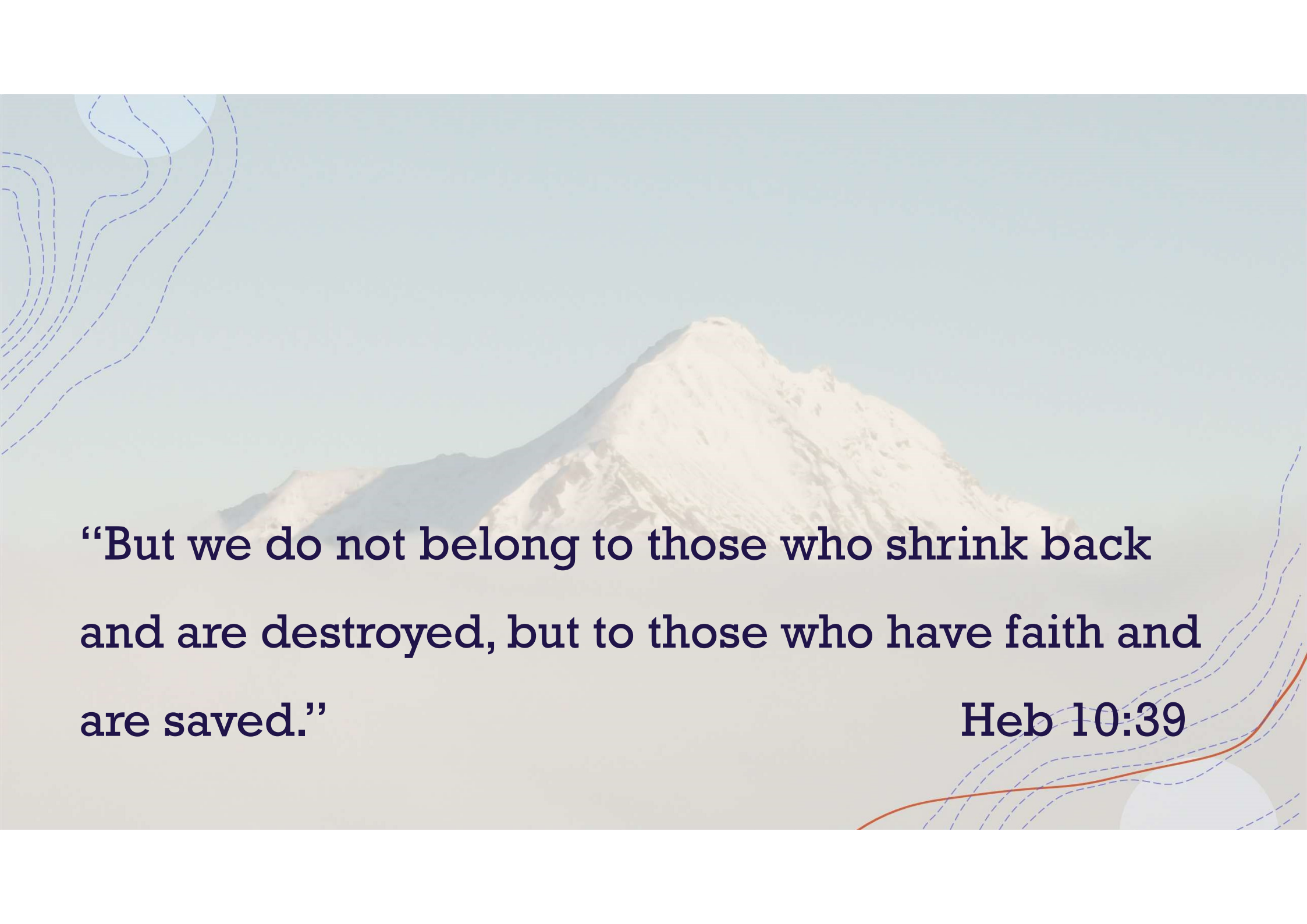


Future Focussed Faith



Faith and God's Promised Future (Hebrews 10:39-12:2)

Notes and slides from Matt Lillicrap's sermon at the morning service
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**“But we do not belong to those who shrink back
and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and
are saved.”**

Heb 10:39



1. Hope in God's Promised Future

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Heb 11:1

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“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”

Heb 11:8-10

1. Hope in God's Promised Future

“By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.”

Heb 11:24-26



Pause and Reflect

Where are you at risk of becoming satisfied with the here-and-now?

How can you cultivate a godly dissatisfaction which drives you to hope in God's promised future?

2. Act on God's Promised Future

“...who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again...”

Heb 11:33-35a

2. Act on God's Promised Future

“There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.”

Heb 11:35b-38

2. Act on God's Promised Future

“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised....”

Heb 11:39



Pause and Reflect

What triumphs and trials are you facing where you need to act on God's promised future?

2. Act on God's Promised Future

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

Heb 12:1-2a