

The Confident Believer

When the promise is confirmed, but the delivery feels delayed

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“Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise. Now the just shall live by faith.”

Hebrews 10:35–38, paraphrased

We live in a time when we can track almost everything. You order something online and a confirmation arrives. A little while later comes another notification: *“Your order has shipped.”* Then you can watch the package move from one facility to another. Eventually the status changes to *“Out for delivery,”* and some companies will even tell you how many stops the driver has left before reaching your house. We have become accustomed to knowing where everything is.

But one of the most frustrating messages you can receive is this: **“Your package has been delayed.”** The order was confirmed. The payment was accepted. The package belongs to you, and yet it has not arrived.

That is where many of us find ourselves spiritually. God has spoken something over your life. You received confirmation through His Word. You believe the promise belongs to you. But you cannot track its progress, you cannot see how close it is, and heaven has given you no estimated delivery time. We know what to do when God says yes. We know how to praise when the promise arrives. But nobody prepares you for the space between confirmation and delivery. That space is where confidence gets tested.

When enough time passes, you begin wondering whether you heard God correctly. You start questioning what you were once confident about. You ask, “Did God really say it? Did I misunderstand Him? Has He changed His mind? Did something happen to the promise along the way?” The danger of delay is that it can make you doubt what God already confirmed.

That is the condition of the believers addressed in Hebrews. These were not people who had never trusted God. They had already endured suffering. They had experienced public humiliation, stood beside people who were imprisoned, and even accepted the loss of their possessions because they believed God had something better for them. But time had passed. The pressure had continued. The promise had not yet fully materialized, and their confidence was beginning to weaken.

So the writer does not tell them they need another prophecy. He does not tell them they need another promise. He tells them, in essence, “Don’t throw away what has been carrying you.” “Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.” It is interesting that the text does not say their confidence was stolen. It says, “Do not cast it away.” Pressure could not take it from them, but frustration could cause them to release it.

While we are waiting to receive the promise, Hebrews tells us there are three things we must evaluate: our **confidence**, our **endurance**, and our **commitment to the will of God**. The promise is still on the way. The question is whether you will still be in position when it arrives.

MOVEMENT ONE

Don't Cast Away Your Confidence

"Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward." Hebrews 10:35

Paul says in Philippians 1:6, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it." Your confidence cannot be based on whether things appear to be working. It must be based on the character of the One who is working. When circumstances stop cooperating, we often begin questioning God. We interpret delay as denial, difficulty as abandonment, and silence as inactivity. But God does not cease working simply because we cannot see His work.

Notice that Hebrews does not say somebody stole their confidence. It says, "Do not cast away your confidence." This means pressure can make you voluntarily release what the enemy could not forcibly remove. Your confidence has "great reward" because confidence keeps you positioned long enough to receive what God has promised.

◆ PR THOUGHT

Don't throw away in frustration what you will need for the next part of your journey. You may have lost time. You may have lost opportunities. You may have lost resources. But don't lose your confidence in God.

MOVEMENT TWO

Endure the Process

"For you have need of endurance..." Hebrews 10:36a

The writer does not say that they need another promise. They already have a promise. What they need is the endurance required to remain faithful until its fulfillment. Endurance is the spiritual ability to remain under pressure without abandoning your position. Faith starts the journey, but endurance carries faith through the delay. It is possible to believe God initially but become weary while waiting. That is why the real battle is often not over what God said. It is over whether you can continue believing what God said when your circumstances contradict it.

Endurance says:

- I will not leave because it is taking longer than I expected.
- I will not compromise because the process is uncomfortable.
- I will not manufacture what God promised to provide.
- I will remain where God placed me until He tells me to move.

◆ PR THOUGHT

If the promise has not arrived, it does not necessarily mean you missed God. You may simply be in the part of the process that requires endurance.

MOVEMENT THREE

Do and Endure the Will of God

“After you have done the will of God...” Hebrews 10:36b

We often interpret “doing the will of God” merely as completing an assignment. That is not wrong, but there is more to it. Doing God’s will means obeying what He commanded. But it also means enduring what He has allowed while He accomplishes what He has willed. We always want to be “in His will,” but we usually imagine His will as a place where everything feels favorable. Yet the will of God is not always sunshine. Sometimes His will includes storm clouds.

The storm does not always come to destroy you. Sometimes the storm carries the water that revives what the drought made you think was dead. **What if the cloud you are afraid of is carrying the rain you have been praying for?**

You attempted to make it happen your way. You exhausted your strength, spent your resources, and still ended up no better, like the woman with the issue of blood. But when human options were exhausted, she encountered the One who had the power to accomplish what nobody else could do. There are moments when God allows the end of your method so you can experience the beginning of His miracle.

◆ PR THOUGHT

You cannot ask God to perform His will while refusing to remain in His will.

MOVEMENT FOUR

Receive the Promise

“...you may receive the promise.” Hebrews 10:36c

Receiving the promise means the promise was established before the process began. You are not trying to convince God to invent something for you. You are trusting Him to fulfill what He has already spoken. God is not obligated by our preferences, but He has bound Himself to His own word. His character guarantees that He will be faithful to what He has promised. Numbers 23:19 teaches that God is not a man who lies or changes His mind carelessly. If He has spoken, He possesses both the integrity and the power to fulfill it.

The promise is received “after” the will of God has been done. We love the promise, but we struggle with the word “after.” “After” means there is an order:

1. God establishes the promise.
2. We maintain our confidence.
3. We endure the process.
4. We obey His will.
5. We receive what He promised.

You cannot allow the discomfort of the middle to make you doubt what God established at the beginning.

A WORD ON WAITING

The Frustration of Time

The struggle is often not whether we believe God can do it. The struggle is how long God is taking to do it. Time makes us anxious. But Philippians 4:6 says to “be anxious for nothing,” and to bring everything to God through prayer and supplication. Everything includes your anxiety about timing. Bring God the calendar. Bring Him the deadline. Bring Him the years that have passed. Bring Him the fear that you are running out of time.

Hebrews provides this reassurance: “For yet a little while...” That phrase is not necessarily a mathematical promise that the remaining wait will be shorter than the time that has already passed. It is a declaration that the delay is limited, the outcome is certain, and God has not forgotten what He said.

◆ PR THOUGHT

It may feel long to you, but it is still only “a little while” when measured against the faithfulness and eternal purposes of God.

THE ANCHOR

He Is Coming

“He who is coming will come and will not tarry... Now the just shall live by faith.” Hebrews 10:37–38

In its primary context, this points to the coming of Christ. But it also reveals something powerful about God’s faithfulness: our hope is not merely in something arriving. Our hope is in Someone coming. The promise is inseparable from the Promiser. God does not casually hand the fulfillment of His word to chance. What He has appointed will arrive according to His timing. From our perspective, it may feel delayed. From God’s perspective, it will not be late.

The righteous do not merely visit faith when life becomes difficult. They live by faith. Faith is not an emergency response. It is the believer’s way of life. The confidence of verse 35 and the faith of verse 38 are closely connected. Confidence refuses to release its bold trust in God, while faith continues living according to what God has said. If you throw away your confidence, you abandon the posture that enables you to persevere toward the reward. But if you continue in faith, you remain positioned to receive.

◆ PR THOUGHT

When God delivers what He promised, it will not arrive too early or too late. It will arrive at the time appointed by the One who cannot fail.

BEFORE YOU WALK AWAY FROM THE PROMISE

1. Where is your confidence?

Have you allowed the delay to change what you believe about God?

2. Where is your endurance?

Are you willing to remain faithful when nothing appears to be changing?

3. Are you still doing God's will?

Have you remained obedient, or have you started trying to manufacture the promise yourself?

You do not need another promise. You need **confidence** for this promise. You need **endurance** through this process. You need **obedience** in this season. And after you have done the will of God, you will receive what He promised.

SUNDAY DECLARATION

*“Don’t cast away your confidence. Endure the process. Remain in His will.
The One who promised is faithful. He who is coming will come, and He will
not be late.”*

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