Terry McIntosh

Date: December 18th, 2022
Series: No Turning Back
Sermon: “The Encouragement of Faith to Endure” (11)
Text: Hebrews 12:12-17

Introduction: We have turned to the third clarifying insight gleaned from 11:1-12:17. The first was:

I. The definition of faith (11:1-3)
II. The portraits of faith (11:4-40)

And now today we continue in this third clarifying insight:

III. The encouragement of faith (12:1-17) – Three practical aspects:
   A. The imperatives of our endurance (12:1-2)
   B. Suffering to unto endurance (vv. 3-11)

Today we continue with a third practical aspect:

C. The ______________ _________ of our endurance (vv. 12-17)

Two practical results:
1. Taking _______________ (vv. 12-13)
   a. By grounding ourselves in ________________ (“therefore” v. 12)
   b. By making _________________ (v.13)

2. _______________ (vv. 14-17) – two strivings:
   a. For ______________ (14a)
   b. For ______________ (v. 14b-17) – two means of missing holiness:
      1) By ______________ of the __________ of God (v. 15a)
      2) By making ______________ (vv. 16-17)

Conclusion:
Two strengtheners:
1. We need to be able to avoid the “________________________” of the world, the flesh, and the devil.
2. The ___________ in our hearts.
Welcome

Thank you for joining us today at Berean Baptist Church. We would delight in assisting you in any way that we can; please do not hesitate to ask. Information regarding children’s classes and our check-in system are located in the lobby at the child check-in kiosk.

Prayer

**Missionary of the Month:**
Lewis & Susanna Macaulay ~ Scotland ~ 20schemes

**Prayer Families of the Week:**
Steve & Theresa Robertson, Greg & Kelly Hovermale, Hannah Sutrick, Lamont Colbert

**Prayer Ministry of the Month:** Choir

Calendar

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For a detailed listing of future events, please refer to our website calendar: www.bereanlife.org/calendar/

Stewardship

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ONLINE GIVING IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT WWW.BEREANLIFE.ORG/GIVING/

Announcements

**DUDES AND DADS!!**
This event is for high-school aged (9th-12th) young men and dads of high-school aged sons.

**What:** A time for dads of high-school sons and high-school aged young men to bond over fun, food, and fellowship. We will play Wallyball, have a devotional, and share a meal.

**When:** 1/7/2023, 1/21/2023 start time is 5:30 PM until 8:30. PLEASE RSVP by 1/5!

**Where:** Wallyball at Body Rocks on Plymouth Rd. in Livonia @ 5:30 PM then a devotional and meal*

**Cost:** $8 dollars per person for Wallyball
Sign up link is in the Bits & Bytes or contact Ron Reinhart @ 734-751-9008

**LOST & FOUND**
Please check the Lost & Found closet (across from the office) for any items you may be missing. Unclaimed items will be donated next week. Thank you!

**PRISCILLA PROGRAM**
The Priscilla Program is a ministry of Berean that exists for the purpose of training women to study God’s Word with an eye toward teaching it. Our next session will be Thursday (6:30 - 9:15), Friday (6:30 - 9:15), and Saturday (8:30 - 3:00 PM), **January 26-28, 2023**. Please e-mail Teren at td2of11@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. Ladies young (teens) and old are welcome!

**BABY DEDICATION**
We will have a baby dedication on **Sunday, January 15th**. There will be an informational meeting for parents on Sunday, January 8th immediately following the 1st and 2nd services at the front of the auditorium. Please contact Rich Cork if you plan to participate.

All participants, please submit baby pictures for the slide show and written prayers for the children no later than January 2nd to the church office at contactus@bereanlife.org.

**HOLIDAY SERVICE TIMES**
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm
December 25 & January 1 - 11 am service ONLY (no Sunday School or 8:30 am service)

Congratulations to **Zach & Selecia Favazza** on the birth of their son! **Elliot Jay** was born December 9th at 8:16 pm and weighed 6lbs. 6oz. & 19 3/4in.