INTRODUCTION

- We wrap up this great book with looking at more street-level activities for us to boldly and successfully live out our faith.

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**13:9-14** | **Where is our Focus?**
- v9-10. Strange teachings. In this context these early Jewish Christians still struggled with OT dietary restrictions.
- BUT, how are we strengthened by Grace and how is it good for the heart? Consider this, once we comprehend the truth of Scripture and we act on it, we grow spiritually – which is good for the heart/soul/mind – the whole person.
- vv11-13. How do we “go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His approach”? Consider this – we need to deny ourselves and pick up our cross (our responsibilities in life) and follow Christ wherever He takes us ……………… Luke 9:23
- v14. “Seek the city which is to come”. We need to be Christ-focused (12:2) and “seek the bread that leads to eternal life”

**13:15-19** | **God-pleasing Sacrifices**
- v15. What is the “sacrifice of praise to God”? Consider Psalms 107:17-22, 116:17 – In essence, we need to declare God’s goodness and greatness to all men while we live a holy & righteous life, which is our reasonable sacrifice. Rom 12:1-8 & 16:1-2. 
- v16. Other sacrifices that cost us time, effort, and money is to do good to others – and this is pleasing to God.
- v17. The context here is the leaders are good ones, but what if they were bad or weak leaders? Do we obey them then?
- vv18-19. “Pray for us” – Even apostles needed to be prayed for. How much more do we need to uplift our ministers.

**13:20-25** | **Wrap Up**
- v21. Another good way to pray – that God would equip us in every good thing to do His will and to please Him for the glory of Christ. This could include bold speech (Eph 6:19); clainty in speech (Col 4:4); and powerful speech (1Cor 2:4).

### CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / BENEFITS
- The author told us in 13:22 that he wrote a brief letter for the purpose of exhortation and we are to take everything he wrote seriously (“bear with this”).
- The best way to take Hebrews seriously is to live out our witness in a bold manner. After all, Christ has our back as he intercedes for us as his high priest, we are saved to the uttermost, and His kingdom is unshakeable. Therefore, what do we have to fear?

### NEXT WEEK: Esther 1-3. Who stands a better chance to serve God to the fullest?
- Someone living the life of luxury? ……………………. e.g., Job
- A wheelchair-bound quadriplegic? …. e.g., Joni Eareckson Tada
- An impoverished widow? ……………………. e.g., Widow w/ 2 mites
- An unwilling sex slave locked in a harem…………………. e.g., Esther
- No matter what situation we find ourselves in, God can use us to accomplish His will – if we are willing to be used