



## Hebrews 13:15-25 Living by faith through Christ

As we looked at the second half of Hebrews 13 on Sunday the author of Hebrews continued to show us what persevering in the life of faith looks like practically. As we worked through these final verses, wasn't it reassuring to see that the life of faith God calls us to as Christians is not one we are left to get on with in our own strength, but through Christ who 'equips us and works in us what is pleasing to him'.

### 1. Living by faith through Christ – in sacrificial living (v15-16)

- v15 says 'therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise'. How does this relate to Jesus 'for all time one sacrifice' (Hebrews 10:12)?
- What sort of things do you find you can't help but talk about and how do they compare to what Jesus has done for you?
- How might we 'continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise?'
- How does fixing our eyes on Jesus help us to 'do good and share with others' and how might we encourage one another to keep doing that – individually, and as a church?

2. Living by faith through Christ – in relation to our leaders (v17-19)
  - How are we encouraged to relate to our leaders? Do you think Hebrew 13:7 is helpful in considering the context for this?
  - v 17 tells us that our leaders ‘must give an account’ to God. How does this affect the way we relate to them?
  - How can we pray for those in church leadership and seek to make their work ‘a joy and not a burden’?
3. Living by faith through Christ – equipped by God (v20-21)
  - Jesus’ resurrection is referred to for the first time in Hebrews in v20. What is the significance of this for us as we seek to live by faith?
  - Why is v21 such good news for us?
  - Can you look back and see ways in which God has equipped and been working in your life? Can you see ways in which God has been doing the same in each other?
4. As you reflect on our time in the book of Hebrews, are there particular things that have stood out for you or that God has used to particularly challenge or encourage you?