**Hebrews 10:32-33a**

 But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, 33 sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction,

* **Christians Must Expect Suffering (v.32-33)**
	+ Underline “recall the former days.”
	+ According to verse 32 and 33, what does the author ask the readers to recall?
	+ Circle each word and phrase that communicates hardship in the above passage.
	+ Why do Christians endure such hardship even after having been enlightened to the truth?
	+ Why might it be helpful to reflect on struggles already endured?
	+ What are hard struggles that you have endured since salvation, and why is it helpful to reflect on those now?
	+ Why would it be dangerous to teach someone that Christians will always live without suffering as long as they have faith?

**Hebrews 10:33b-35**

and sometimes being partners with those so treated. 34 For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. 35 Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

* **Christians Must Rejoice in Suffering (34-35)**
	+ Circle “compassion”
	+ What would showing compassion on those in prison entail?
	+ What is distinctly Christian about caring for others even in the midst of affliction and loss?
	+ Circle “joyfully accepted”
	+ What is shocking about the word “joyfully” in verse 34?
	+ How does verse 34 confront the American dream today?
	+ What core beliefs helped these early Christians rejoice in the midst of their suffering?
	+ Why might the suffering of Christians actually increase the power of their witness to unbelievers?

**Hebrews 10:36-39**

 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. 37 For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay; 38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.” 39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

* **Christians Must Endure to the End**
* Circle the word “endurance”
* What does the word endurance mean and what does it look like in the Christian life?
* Circle each time you see the word “faith”. How is endurance and faith connected to one another?
* The author says the coming one is coming in “a little while”. What ”coming” is he speaking about and how can he say “a little while”?
* What will be the difference between those who live and those with whom God is not pleased?
* Double Underline “we are not” in verse 39.
* How can the author say with such confidence that we Christians are not those who shrink back, but rather Christians are the ones who persist in faith?
* Where does our strength to endure come from?

“When I fear my faith will fail

Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail

He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold

Through life’s fearful path

For my love is often cold

He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so

He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight

Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight

He will hold me fast

He’ll not let my soul be lost

His promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost

He will hold me fast

(CHORUS)

For my life He bled and died

Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied

He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life

He will hold me fast

Till our faith is turned to sight

When he comes at last