

# Stir It Up!

(Motivate)

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# Background (1 of 2)

- What do we know about this year's verse?
- Who wrote Hebrews?
- What is the premise? Who was it written to?
- What was is the entire refrain?

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## Hebrews

**THE ANONYMOUS** first-century writer of Hebrews sends this letter of exhortation to professing Jewish Christians suffering persecution for their faith in Christ. Many, in fact, may have considered renouncing their profession ([10:38-39](#)), but the writer exhorts them to hold fast to their faith and press on to spiritual maturity. The Christian faith is the true worship and service of the living God. Jesus Christ, as both the sacrifice and High Priest of the new covenant, is superior in every way to the Mosaic system of atoning sacrifices.

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## Vital Statistics

- **AUTHOR:** Uncertain; some have suggested Paul, Barnabas, Apollos, Priscilla, Luke, and others.
- **DATE WRITTEN:** Probably around A.D. 68, a few years before the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in A.D. 70.
- **PURPOSE:** To present Christianity as superior to Judaism and to show the sufficiency of Jesus Christ's work.
- **THEMES:** Superiority of Christianity over Judaism, Jesus as High Priest, Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice, rest, maturity, faith, endurance.

# Background (2 of 2)

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- What was is the entire refrain?

## ***A Call to Persevere***

<sup>19</sup>And so, dear brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. <sup>20</sup>By his death,<sup>\*</sup> Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. <sup>21</sup>And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, <sup>22</sup>let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup>Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup>And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

# Ingredients (1 of 2)

- What is the literal translation?

**◀ Hebrews 10:24 ▶**

**Hebrews 10 Interlinear**

2532 [e]	2657 [e]	240 [e]	1519 [e]	3946 [e]	26 [e]	2532 [e]	2570 [e]	
kai	katanoōmen	allēlous	eis	paroxysmon	agapēs	kai	kaiōn	
<b>24</b>	<b>καὶ</b>	<b>κατανοῶμεν</b>	<b>ἀλλήλους</b>	<b>, εἰς</b>	<b>παροξυσμὸν</b>	<b>ἀγάπης</b>	<b>καὶ</b>	<b>καλῶν</b>
<b>and</b>	<b>we should think</b>	<b>one another</b>	<b>towards</b>	<b>stirring up</b>	<b>to love</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>to good</b>	
Conj	V-PSA-1P	RecPro-AMP	Prep	N-AMS	N-GFS	Conj	Adj-GNP	

- Motivate -> Spur on/  
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## Hebrews 10:24-25 English Standard Version (ESV)

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

## spur

/spər/ ⓘ

*noun*

1. a device with a small spike or a spiked wheel that is worn on a rider's heel and used for urging a horse forward.
2. a thing that prompts or encourages someone; an incentive.  
"profit was both the spur and the reward of enterprise"  
*synonyms:* stimulus, incentive, encouragement, inducement, impetus, prod, motivation, inspiration, catalyst, springboard. [More](#)

*verb*

1. urge (a horse) forward by digging one's spurs into its sides.  
"she spurred her horse toward the hedge"



Translations, word origin, and more definitions

# Ingredients (2 of 2)

Matthew 5:13-16 New Living Translation (NLT)

## Teaching about Salt and Light

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

- We are the \_\_\_ of the earth?
- What good is salt that isn't stirred?
- Are you feeling stirred?

# Ingredients (3 of 3)

- What's in your way?
- Do you need revival?
- Is there a potato dulling your salt?
- Write it down and ask God to remove that blob?

# Bring it to a boil (1 of 2)

- Act on the stirring!
- Faith without works —>

James 2:14-26 New Living Translation (NLT)

## Faith without Good Deeds Is Dead

**14** What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? **15** Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, **16** and you say, "Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well" —but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

**17** So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

**18** Now someone may argue, "Some people have faith; others have good deeds." But I say, "How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds."

**19** You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God.<sup>[a]</sup> Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. **20** How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

**21** Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? **22** You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. **23** And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."<sup>[b]</sup> He was even called the friend of God.<sup>[c]</sup>

**24** So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

**25** Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. **26** Just as the body is dead without breath,<sup>[d]</sup> so also faith is dead without good works.



# Bring it to a boil (2 of 2)

- Be Intentional. Make a plan
- Look at Paul (<http://www.matthewmcgee.org/paultime.html>)



**The first journey begins** when Paul, Barnabas, and Mark set out from Antioch (Acts 13:4). This journey started after 44 AD and ended a "long time" (Acts 14:28) before 50 AD.

They left Antioch for Seleucia and sailed to Cyprus, large island 100 miles off Syrian coast. There they went to Salamis and Paphos where Paul met Bar-Jesus the sorcerer. (Acts 13:4-6).

Then they sail to Perga in Pamphylia, which is now southern Turkey. From here, Mark returns to Jerusalem.

At Antioch in Pisidia (not to be confused with the one in Syria), Paul and Barnabas turn to the Gentiles (Acts 13:46).

Then it was on to Iconium, where they abode a "long time" (Acts 14:3), Lystra, where Paul stoned, but lives (Acts 14:19), and Derbe. Then they retraced their steps back through Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch (in Pisidia) (Acts 14:21).

Paul and Barnabas went throughout Pisidia, Pamphylia, then to Perga, Attalia, and sailed back to Antioch in Syria (Acts 14:24-26)

# Stir and serve!

- Ask God to give you a name - Who can you spur on? Who will you sprinkle salt on, light up, and stir?
- Write it down.
- Ask God to give you another name - Who will keep your burner lit? Who will help you stay stirred?