

## WHEN THE PRESSURE IS ONE

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How Shall We Then Live, part 2

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**BIG IDEA: What to do when the pressure is on** (since God has done the heavy lifting already).

The **overall idea is Jesus is superior in every way to every dimension of their old Jewish faith.**

**Here's what to do when the pressure is on!**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near to God** with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> **Let us hold unswervingly to the hope** we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And **let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds**, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.  
**Hebrews 10:19-25**

**3 invitations**—all *“let us” NOT “you should”*

**What do you turn to when you are squeezed?**

### 1. Let us **DRAW NEAR** to God.

***All obstacles to God have been removed by and in Jesus.***

*“Welcome! Come near me. All obstacles are not removed. Come!”*

**Spiritual disciplines:** Finding God in the Scriptures. Praying and asking. Worshipping, praising, thanking; Communing with God.

**When have you sensed God's nearness?**

### 2. Let us **HOLD UNSWERVINGLY** to our Hope.

**Our future hope anchors us in the turmoil of the present.**

The book of **Revelation**—a portrait of hope.

### 3. Let us **SPUR ONE ANOTHER** to love and good deeds.

*“The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” Galatians 5:6*

*“Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.” 1 Thess. 4:9*

*“The power to change your world is available to you in limitless supply. That is bold love.”—Bill Hybels*

*“Did you learn how to love?”*