

# RECHARGE

DISCIPLINES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*LIVING BY*  
*Faith*

**CULTIVATING A DEEPER  
DEPENDENCY ON GOD**

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# INTRODUCTION

**“Open my mind and let me discover  
the wonders of your Law .”**

Psalm 119:18 (CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION)

Happy New Year! What better way to start the year out right than spending time each day in the Word of God! This *Winter Issue* will provide you with companion studies for the next eleven weeks of study in Hebrews. It is our prayer that these little booklets will help you in your daily devotions, as well as give you a place for notes from the Sunday morning messages and your community group studies.

We do this intentionally to help you remember and apply the truths that we learn each week. The more time you spend thinking about something—and the more ways you interact with that truth—the more likely you will be to implement it into your life. It is true that a person learns through repetition, but that’s not exactly the goal in doing this. When each of these reinforce the other, it allows us to experience different levels of comprehension, which increases our overall understanding of Scripture and deepens our spiritual growth!

It is God’s plan for your life to be transformed into the likeness of His Son—Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 4, Paul told us to “grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ” (4:15). The combined efforts of listening to the weekly message, participating in the weekly community groups and working through the studies in this booklet will help you do just that—mature in your faith in Jesus Christ!

## INTRODUCTION TO HEBREWS

The Book of Hebrews is “a letter written by an unknown Christian to show how Jesus Christ had replaced Judaism as God’s perfect revelation of Himself. Hebrews begins with a marvelous tribute to the per-

son of Christ (1:1-3), and throughout the epistle the author weaves warning with doctrine to encourage his readers to hold fast to Jesus as the great High Priest of God. The author makes extensive use of Old Testament quotations and images to show that Jesus is the supreme revelation of God and the all-sufficient Mediator between God and humankind.” (Excerpt from *Nelson’s Student Bible Dictionary*)

## **NEW SERMON SERIES IN HEBREWS**

Our series for this winter session will not focus on the entirety of the Book of Hebrews; rather, we will begin our studies in Hebrews 10:19 and continue through Hebrews 12:17. The goal is to complete this study in eleven weeks (January 7—March 17).

The primary focus of these studies is the concept of faith. Faith is the “conviction or belief respecting man’s relationship to God” according to Larry Pierce’s *Outline of Biblical Usage*. This section of Hebrews (10:19—12:17) is a call to faith and endurance.

The author begins this section by encouraging his fellow believers to “draw near” to God and to help one another live the life of faith that He is calling each of us to live. He also stipulates the consequences of failing to live that life of faith. Chapter 11, known as the “Faith Chapter,” provides the reader with numerous examples of what it looks like to live a life of faith. We will spend about half of our time looking at these examples and their implications for our lives today.

Our series will conclude with some practical instruction about what it takes to live a life of faith in the twenty-first century—focus on Jesus, suffer to produce holiness, and persevere in this call to live by faith!

## **WINTER 2024 RECHARGE STUDIES**

In this issue of *Recharge*, we will be doing something different than what we have done before. Typically, we provide you with some sort of inductive, Bible study to guide you into a deeper understanding of the sermon text. To be blunt, I believe that discovery-style Bible study

is the most effective way for an individual to learn—this is why I emphasize the question-and-answer style of studying God’s Word so often. Having said that, I also believe there is value in reading devotional literature, especially when you take the time to reflect on your reading.

So, that’s what we’re going to do in this issue. Rather than having series of inductive studies, you will be reading a forty-day devotional book by Bill Elliff called *The Line of Faith*. Bill has had an influential role in my personal, spiritual development, and I want to introduce him to you!

As you work through this book, you will notice that each week of study contains:

- TWO pages to take notes from each Sunday’s sermon.
- A QR code link to the YouVersion study notes for each week.
- A page for notes/prayer concerns from your Community group.
- A Bible reading plan to SOAP Journal through the passages that correlate with the passage from our weekly sermon text.
  - We have included two reading plans to choose from in this *issue*. The primary plan will directly relate to the weekly sermon. The alternative plan will take you through the Book of Hebrews, section by section.
  - Instructions for SOAP Journaling and a Table of Contents for your journal entries are located on pages 71-72.
- And two pages to record your reflections from your readings in *The Line of Faith* by Bill Elliff.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of our pastors. Our prayer is that these studies will provide you with a daily *Recharge* for your life!

Pastor Wade Allen

Sermon Title: **Confidence of Living by Faith**

Sermon Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

Speaker: Wade Allen

Sermon Notes:

Interactive Study Notes on the  
YouVersion Bible App



## COMMUNITY GROUP

Location:

Date:

Prayer Concerns:

**Study Title:**



Bible Reading: Hebrews 3-4

Alternative Reading: Hebrews 1-2

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Reflections from “**Day 1—The Line of Faith**”

Reflections from “**Day 2—Simple Moment | Profound Faith**”

Reflections from “**Day 3—The Progression of Your Faith**”

Reflections from “**Day 4—Testing**”