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## Confidence, Full Assurance, Endurance (10:19-39)

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### Confidence & Assurance (10:19-25)

1. The important verbal signpost, “therefore” is inserted in 10:19, signifying major shift in the sermon, moving from the deep, “meaty” argumentation of 7:1-10:18 to the exhortation that continues until the end of the sermon (moving from “here is what is true” in 7:1-10:18, to “here is how we should live” in 10:19-13:25). What two conclusions (“we have” statements, cf. 10:19 & 21) are suggested based upon the argumentation section?
  
2. List the three “let us” statements (cf. 10:22-24). Explain in your own words what each of these statements mean.
  - i.
  
  - ii.
  
  - iii.
  
3. What are we drawing near to God with (Ps. 51:6, 10; Joel 2:12-13)? Consider how this corresponds with the new covenant/relationship mentioned in Hebrews 8-10.
  
4. Given what you know about the immediate context and the circumstances the original audience were facing, what was the author’s original intended use for Heb. 10:25? When has a Christian violated this exhortation?

### A Fearful Thing (10:26-31)

5. In the context of the message of Hebrews as a whole, what does he mean by “sinning deliberately” (cf. 6:4-8; Num. 15:30-31)?

6. What are consequences of sinning deliberately? Compared to the old covenant, how would you categorize the severity of sinning deliberately under the new covenant?
  
7. Based upon Heb. 5:11-6:3 and the immediate context, what are some practical ways we can prevent the early stages of sinning deliberately?

No Shrinking Back (10:32-39)

8. What kind of difficulties did the original audience already endure? How would reminding a brother or sister of past spiritual success help to encourage perseverance?
  
9. When confidence is united with obedience to “the will of God” (cf. 10:36), what is produced?
  
10. “Hebrews does not allow for a neutral space into which the listeners can retreat” (Koester, 468). Compare and contrast “shrinking back” (cf. 2:1, 3:12, 6:6, 4:1) versus perseverance?