

Traffic Jams on the Road of Faith

There's something about a traffic jam that tests our patience. We start off calm, thinking it'll pass quickly. Before long, however, we catch ourselves gripping the steering wheel, glancing at other lanes, and wondering if we should switch.

As educators, we often face the same feeling in our professional and spiritual lives. We plan lessons, lead teams, encourage students, and pray for breakthrough, but sometimes it feels like we are at a standstill. Progress slows, doors don't open, and we wonder if God has hit pause on the very work He called us to do. Are we really on the best route? These thoughts aren't new. Early Christians wrestled with similar doubts, though their traffic jams were often far more life-threatening than ours.

Read [Hebrews 10:32-34](#).

The author was writing to Jewish Christians who had hit the proverbial red line. They were stuck, wondering if the cost to follow Jesus was really worth it. Many were thinking about "changing lanes." ***What did the author remind them to do?*** See verses 32 and 34.

Think. Remember. What else is there to do that really matters when we are stuck? Could we stress out? Yes. Could we take matters into our own hands? We could try. Would anything change? Maybe, but probably not. Instead, what if we chose to accept our plight with joy, knowing something better awaits that will last forever. ***What do you want to remember the next time you hit one of life's traffic jams?***

Read [Hebrews 10:35-36](#).

Remembering our salvation is one thing; living faithfully is another. The text outlines two critical elements for doing God's will and experiencing His promises. ***What are they?***

"Confident trust" can also be translated as boldness. No matter our circumstances, we are called to be bold in our faith. Without confidence in who Jesus is, what He did on the cross, and the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives, perseverance is unlikely. Bold faith enables us to endure the traffic jams, slowdowns, and stuck places of life. ***In what areas of work or personal life is God calling you to persevere?***

Just because you can't see movement doesn't mean nothing's happening. Down the road, God is aligning hearts, preparing opportunities, and maturing faith—both yours and those you lead. Philippians 1:6 assures us, "*He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*" You may feel like you're waiting in traffic, but in God's eyes, you're still on the fastest route to where He wants you to go.

Lord, help me to trust You when I feel stuck. Give me boldness to persevere and patience to wait for Your perfect timing. Remind me that even in the slowdowns, You are working for my good and the good of those I lead. Amen.

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