

A reading from the New Testament,  
From the Book of Hebrews: *(pause)*

**13** Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters.<sup>[a]</sup> **2** Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it! **3** Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies.

**4** Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.

**5** Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said,  
"I will never fail you.  
I will never abandon you."<sup>[b]</sup>

**6** So we can say with confidence,  
"The LORD is my helper,  
so I will have no fear.  
What can mere people do to me?"<sup>[c]</sup>

**7** Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith.

**8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:1-8 New Living Translation (NLT)

**15** Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name. **16** And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

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*(pause)* Here ends the reading of the First lesson.

Pastor Greg reads this.

A reading from the Gospel according to the Gospel of Luke: *(pause)*

**14** One Sabbath day Jesus went to eat dinner  
in the home of a leader of the Pharisees,  
and the people were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When Jesus noticed that all who had come to the dinner  
were trying to sit in the seats of honor near the head of the table,  
he gave them this advice:

<sup>8</sup> “When you are invited to a wedding feast,  
don’t sit in the seat of honor.

What if someone who is more distinguished than you  
has also been invited?

<sup>9</sup> The host will come and say,  
‘Give this person your seat.’  
Then you will be embarrassed,  
and you will have to take whatever seat is left  
at the foot of the table!

<sup>10</sup> “Instead, take the lowest place at the foot of the table.  
Then when your host sees you,  
he will come and say, ‘Friend, we have a better place for you!’  
Then you will be honored in front of all the other guests.

<sup>11</sup> For those who exalt themselves will be humbled,  
and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then he turned to his host.

“When you put on a luncheon or a banquet,” he said,  
“don’t invite your friends, brothers, relatives, and rich neighbors.  
For they will invite you back, and that will be your only reward.

<sup>13</sup> Instead, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

<sup>14</sup> Then at the resurrection of the righteous,  
God will reward you for inviting those who could not repay you.”

*(Pause)* Here ends the reading of the Gospel.