

What to Do When Your World is Shaken Up, part 1 Hebrews 13:1-7*

“The only thing constant is change.” Author unknown

“Everybody is in favor of progress. It’s the change they don’t like.” Author unknown

“Nothing endures but change.” Heraclitus

“Taking a new step, uttering a new word, is what people fear most.” F. Dostoevsky

All change is like an earthquake. It may or may not visibly shock us but it always shakes us up.

The Argument of Hebrews:

1. The Situation: Change that was shaking believers up:

- From first to second generation Christians
- From the dramatic to the routine
- From the original leaders to new leaders
- From being the center of the church to being on the perimeter
- From social toleration to rejection and persecution
- From clarity about Jesus to confusion

2. The Argument:

- Jesus is God’s best and last word (1:1-3). He is better than the angels (1:4-2:18), better than Moses and Joshua (3:1-4:13), and better than Aaron and the levitical priesthood (4:14-10:18).
- So, watch out for drifting (2:1-4), doubting (3:7-4:13), dullness (5:11-6:20), despising (10:19-39) and defying (12:14-29).

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I. Put your energies into living the Christian life, 13:1-4.

A. Keep love alive, v. 1.

B. Look outward, v. 2.

C. Identify with the suffering, v. 3.

D. Protect the most precious relationship on earth, v. 4.

II. Find your security in the promise of Jesus, 13:5-6.

A. Don't get caught up in the quest for earthly security. Learn to be content, v. 5a.

B. Grab hold of Jesus' emphatic promise: "I will never, under any circumstances, ever leave or abandon you." v. 5b.

C. Celebrate his promise constantly, v. 6.

III. Remember what your leaders said and did, 13:7.