

## What to Do When Your World is Shaken Up, part 2 Hebrews 13:8-17\*

“Courage is the strength or choice to begin a change.  
Determination is the persistence to continue in that change.”  
Author unknown

“A bend in the road is not the end of the road, unless you fail to  
make the turn.” Author unknown

“Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to  
better.” Richard Hooker

“Nothing is stronger than custom.” Ovid

**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. Remember this; Jesus does not change, 13:8.

### II. Don’t let the pressures of life take you away from Jesus, 13:9-14.

*Identification with Jesus,  
while it makes you an outsider,  
opens the door to be strengthened by grace.*

### III. Keep occupied with your priestly duties, 13:15-16.

### IV. Do everything you can to help your present leaders enjoy their task, 13:17.

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.  
Hebrews 13:20-21