

Understanding the Book of Hebrews

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...bear with my word of exhortation... (13:22)

Let us hold fast our confession... Let us... with confidence draw near to the throne of grace... (4:14,16)

let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.... Let us hold fast the confession of our hope ... let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works... (10:22-24)

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