



A devotional related to a favorite Bible verse or passage.*

A^{bout} – Hardship and Home

B^{est Verse} – The message of the book of Hebrews is the superiority of our Savior. Jesus is greater than the prophets,^{Hb.1:1-4} and the angels,^{Hb.1:5-2:18} Moses^{Hb.3:1-6} and the priests,^{Hb.5:1-10:39} and even the great patriarch Abraham.^{Hb.7:1-8:13} We can also be assured that Jesus’ new covenant-promise of salvation^{Hb.7-10} and His Kingdom—our true Home Country—are superior and that our enduring faith in Him is eternally valuable.^{Hb.11} So come what may, whatever hardship we will face is ultimately in the care of our Father in Heaven Who uses hardship like a training program “that produces a harvest of righteousness and peace.” There is one caveat. The training is only effectual “for those who have been trained by it.”^{Hebrews 12:11} “No hardship is pleasant at the time, rather they are painful!” And our Lord knows this from personal experience. Faithfully entrusting ourselves to Him we have the promise that our trials will end in God’s forever goodness.^{Ro.8:28} Hold on, we’re almost There!

C^{ommitment} – Keeper of my heart, my trial is no surprise to You. I trust You are ultimately in control and that my situation will prove your goodness and glory!

* Great, encouraging meeting with Brad J and Tom M at a New Albany Starbucks!
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