

Brute Strength
Heb 11:8-10
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Thesis: I want to show the importance of not avoiding difficult decisions.

Intro: 1. Is life only full of easy decisions and comfortable moments?
2. Of course not, so what must the Christian do?

I. Do what is not easy

A. Boldness against wickedness (**2 Chron 22:10-12**)

1. Joash decided it was time (**2 Chron 23:1a**)
2. Let freedom ring! (freedom from an evil leader was coming, **2 Chron 23:2-11**)
 - a. Removing hindrances and promoters of evil (**2 Chron 23:12-21**)

B. Leaving sinful ways behind

1. Saul (**Acts 9:20-22**)
2. The Ephesians were encouraged to put off the “old man” (**Eph 4:17-20**)

II. Be Ok with being uncomfortable

A. Noah

1. A big project (**Gen 6:13-14**)
2. Big pressures (**Gen 6:17-19**)
3. Seeing the fulfillment of promises and hearing the death of the world (**Gen 7:4, 10-12**)

B. The Apostles

1. They would be sheep (**Mt 10:16-18**)
2. They would be HATED (**Mt 10:21-22**)

III. Lessons for Us Today

A. Christ did what was difficult, for you.

1. Christ showed Himself to be the Son of God to those who fought against Him (**Mk 3:1-6**)
 - a. **v.4b & v.6** – shows us how they were not only hateful but were also cowards
2. Christ was despised by most (**Isa 53:3**)

B. Christ did what was uncomfortable, for you.

1. Christ did the most difficult work, He died for you (**Isa 53:7-8**)
2. He made His grave with sinners, for you and I (**Isa 53:9a**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. We do hard things, but the necessary things because it pleases the Lord (**Isa 53:12a**)
2. Faithfulness is not easy and often uncomfortable, but isn't heaven worth it? (**Jn 14:1-3**)
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9