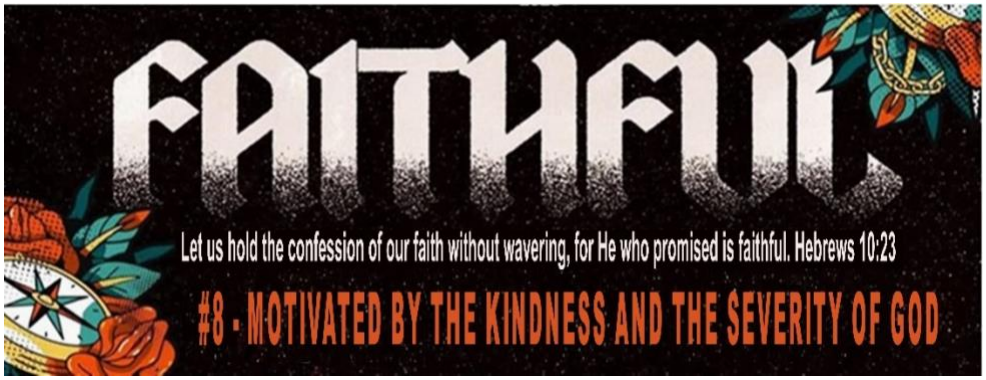

So you see [Notice; Consider] that God is kind and also ·very strict [stern; severe; harsh]. He ·punishes [is strict/severe/harsh toward] those who ·stop following him [have fallen]. But God is kind to you, if you continue ·following in [trusting in; └ in] his kindness. If you do not, you will also be cut off from the tree. **Romans 11:22** EXB

GOD USES TWO PRIMARY, BUT UNEQUAL ATTRIBUTES TO MOTIVATE US:

1. **GOD USES _____ _____ TO MOTIVATE.**

"*Teacher, which is the greatest commandment…?"*[37] *Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart… soul, and mind mind.'*[38] *This is the first and greatest commandment*. **Matthew 22:36-38** NIV

If you love me, you will obey my commandments. **John 14:15** NIV

Christ's love has moved me to such extremes. His love has the first and last word in everything we do. **2 Corinthians 5:14** MP

- **In Hebrews, God uses the story of _____to invoke love.**

"Their sins and lawless acts, I will remember no more." [18] *And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.* [19] *Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,* [20] *by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,* [21] *and since we have a great priest over the house of God,* [22] ***let us*** *draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* [23] ***Let us*** *hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.* [24] *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* [25] *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*. **Hebrews10:17-23**

WHAT EFFECT SHOULD GODS' KINDNESS SHOULD HAVE ON MY LIFE?

- **It should motivate me to _____ _____ _____to God.**

let us *draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.* **Hebrews 10:23** NIV

- **It should motivate me to be _____ in my faith.**

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. **Hebrews 10:23** NIV

- **It should motivate me to _____ _____with others.**

And let us *consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* [25] *not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* **Hebrews 10:24, 25** NIV

  - **NOTE: There must be a _____, if there is to be an "us"!**

2. **GOD USES THE _____ __ _____TO MOTIVATE ME.**

Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God… **Deuteronomy 10:12** NIV

In Hebrews, God uses _____ _____ to invoke fear.

WHAT EFFECT SHOULD GODS' SEVERITY HAVE ON MY LIFE?

- **His severity should motivate me to _____ _____ ___ ____.**

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, [27] *but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.* [29] *How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?* [30] *For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people."* [31] *It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.* **Hebrews 10:26-31** NIV

- **His severity should motivate me to _____ and _____.**

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. **Hebrews 4:7** NIV

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?