**How to arrive at the meaning of a passage**

**THIS WEEK’S MAIN IDEA:**

**A life of faith rescues our lives from spiritual ruin and leads to eternal rewards.**

**The context in the book of Hebrews**

* **“Confidence” - 3:6 and 3:14**
* **Ps. 95**
* **Numbers 20: Even Moses**

**The immediate context: Hebrews 10:1-31**

* **The strong certainties – 10:1-19**
  + **Sanctified – 10:10**
  + **Perfected – 10:14**
  + **Forgiven – 10:16-17**
* **The encouragement “salad” – 10:19-25**
  + **“Let us draw near”**
  + **“Let us hold fast”**
  + **“Let us consider one another…not forsake”**
* **The ruin of the one who does not hold fast but forsakes - 10:26-31**
  + **“We” (10:26)**
  + **“Sanctified” (10:29)**
  + **“His people” (10:30)**

**The text: The past encouragement - 10:32-34**

* **“Illuminated” – 2 Cor. 4:3-6**
* **Remember what you’ve been through**

**The text: The future encouragement - 10:36-39**

* **“Confidence” or boldness again both in 10:19 and 10:35**
* **“Great reward” (10:35)**
* **“The promise” - 10:36** 
  + **Endurance**
  + **6:11-15 – Merited by works**
  + **Gen. 22:17-18 = Dominion over enemies**
  + **Romans 4:1-5 vs. Hebrews 11:8**
* **The OT Context: Habakkuk 2:1-4**
  + **Faith is a way of life for a believer**
  + **Facing trial**
  + **Faces God’s disapproval and loss now and in the future**

**Summary: A life delivered from ruin to reward – 10:39**

* **Once again “we”**
* **“Shrink back…ruin” – The person in 10:26-31**
* **Jesus’ teaching in Mt. 16, Lk. 9, and Mk. 8**

**The subsequent context – Hebrews 11:1-3**

* **The faith of believers**
* **“Approval” vs. disapproval**

**Conclusion**

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