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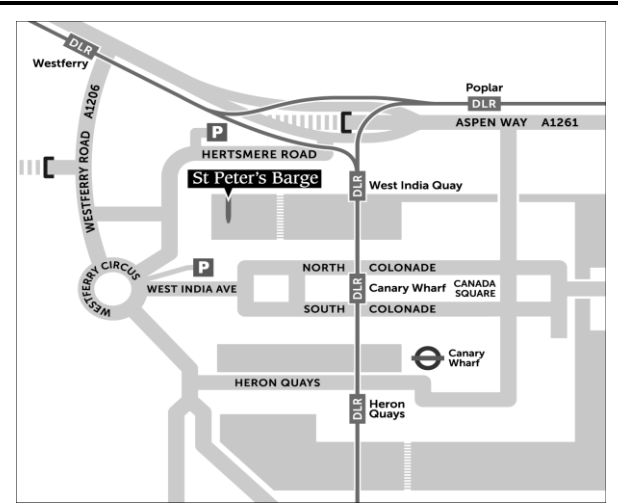
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St Peter's Barge

London's Floating Church

That Christians are encouraged and equipped to live, work, and witness faithfully in the workplace



ST PETER'S BARGE LUNCHTIME TALKS 1:15-1:50 PM

Wed - at St Peter's Barge (& on Zoom)

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WOMEN WORKING WELL IN THE WHARF

Interactive evening seminars over dinner with other office workers discussing how to live out our faith at work.

Quarterly seminars:
Thursdays, 6.30-8pm on the Barge
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GIVING

If you would like to give to support the work of the Barge in the Wharf, please pick up a Giving leaflet from the Welcome Table.

NEXT WEEK

Series: Help for the tempted
Title: The LORD is your helper
Bible Text: Hebrews 13:1-21
Guest speaker: Joel Chia

Making sense of suffering
Hebrews 12:3-29 (pg. 1212)

We're living rightly, but...

A final word of encouragement:

1. We are sons: like Jesus.

12:3-17

Suffering proves it.

So be trained by it.

Don't throw it all away!

2. We are sons: with Jesus.

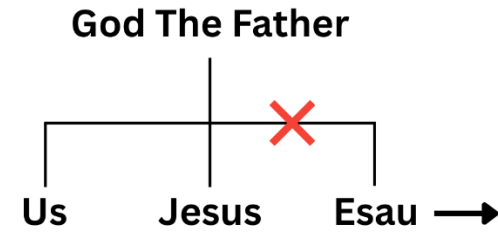
12:18-29

We're at the son party.

So don't leave it.

Enjoy it!

Our family tree:



Our family location:

Mount Sinai(ish)



Terror.

“Stop speaking!”

Stay away.



**Mount Zion
in Heaven**



Joy.

Jesus speaks.

Come in.

We are here.

Discussion questions:

1. When life doesn't go how we expect, what's our attitude like?
2. What most encouraged or challenged us in today's passage?

12 ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more”, indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.