

“LET US
CONSIDER...”
HEBREWS 10: 19 - 25

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2 EXHORTIONS

1. “Let us draw near to God with faith...”
 2. “Let us hold fast to hope...”
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3 THINGS TO DO

1. LET US CONSIDER

The word “consider” in the Greek is “katanoeo”:

- “to observe fully”
 - “to behold”
 - “to discover”
 - “to perceive”
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- It is only when we intentionally take time to “consider” others then we are able to “spur”, “provoke”, “prick” or “nag” one another towards love and good deeds.
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2. LET US CONGREGATE

• vs 25 – “Let us not give up meeting together...”

The phrase “give up” speaks of “desertion” or “forsaken” or “abandonment”

CS Lewis:

“The basic laboratory for knowing God is the Christian community.”

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1. LET US CONSIDER

2. LET US CONGREGATE

3. LET US ENCOURAGE

The Greek word here is “parakaleo”.

- “para” - “alongside”
- “kaleo” – “to call”

It is also the same root word “parakletos”
used for the Holy Spirit.

- John 14: 26 – “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
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- John 16: 7 – “But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”
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“A pat on the back always
pushes out the chest.”

- Ephesians 4: 29 – “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”
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*“It is much wiser to choose what we
say than to say what we choose.”*

3 LEVELS OF WORDS

1. *All That I Could Say*
 2. *That Which Are Helpful*
 3. *That Which Are Necessary*
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“Even as I encourage to others, who will encourage me?”

- Our goal is to encourage others.
 - Our desire is to be encouraged.
 - We work towards our goals.
 - We pray towards our desires.
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- Hebrews 3: 12, 13 - “See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.”
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5 LEVELS OF COMMUNICATION

Level 1 - Clichés and Niceties

“And in the naked light I saw
Ten thousand people maybe more.
People talking without speaking
People hearing without listening
People writing songs that voices never shared
No one dares disturb the sound of silence.”

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Level 2 - Facts and Information

“Great minds discuss ideas.
Mediocre minds discuss events.
Small minds discuss other people.”

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Level 5 - Maximum Truth

RABBI HAROLD KUSHNER:

“All the things in our lives, all the complicated structures we spend so much time and energy creating, are built on sand. Only our relationships to other people endure. Sooner or later, the wave will come along and knock down what we have worked so hard to build up. When that happens, only the person who has somebody’s hand to hold will be able to laugh.”

• Hebrews 10: 19 - “Draw near to God...”.
