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Dear Friends,

How are you keeping your perspective these days? Do you have your first cup of coffee while watching the morning news? If I did that, I'd go back to bed and cover up my head. ...so Jesus and I start my day in the Book of Hebrews.

What was going on when Hebrews was written? Jerusalem had not yet been sacked but most knew it was coming. Many Jews had already jumped ship and others were thinking about it. Still others had been thrown out of the Temple for following Jesus and no amount of pounding on the door would regain them access.

These people were considering what the cost for lining up with Jesus had already been and knew for sure it was going to get worse. All knew of the divine judgment that had been administered to their ancestors because of unbelief on their forty-year wilderness journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. These new Christian Hebrews may have been thinking: "O.K., behind us are the slave masters; in front of us is the Red Sea. I think we've been here before!"

Do you hear a similar whisper about something that is going on in your life right now? "You've been here before. Was I faithful to protect you then and will you trust Me now?"

For encouragement, read Hebrews 7:25. *"Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."*

Picture this: Jesus, your High Priest, is on the right hand of God, interceding for you, His Beloved Child ...all the time.

For perspective: Randy Alcorn's book: "Heaven". You're gonna wanta go there!

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Love,

— Jo and Ted



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