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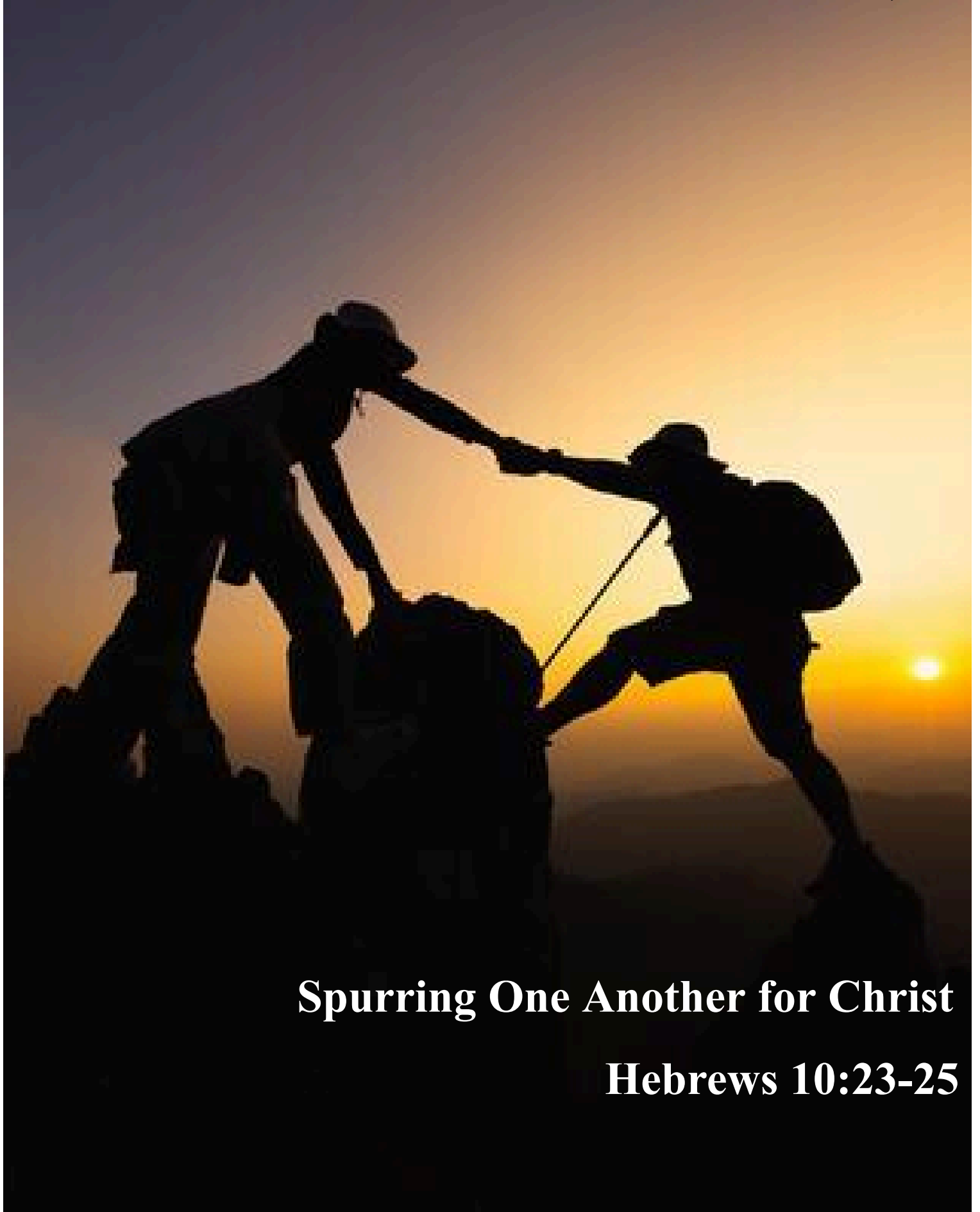
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Spurring One Another for Christ

Hebrews 10:23-25

The 5th Sunday, Family Worship Service

Welcome to CBC

We are excited for you to join us in worship today. Our prayer is that through the singing of gospel truths, hearing the scriptures proclaimed, and being around the saints, you will leave edified and equipped to live on mission with God for His glory.

Preparation	Psalm 98:1 (NIV)
Welcome	Irene Chen
Adoration	Glory To God Forever Great Is Thy Faithfulness Way Maker
Prayer	Laura Moon
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV) The Stark Family (Price, Rebecca and Patrick)
Proclamation	Spurring One Another for Christ Tim Eng
Testimony	Jeremy and Barbara Lo
Response Music	Take My Life
Offertory Prayer	Gene Woo
Announcements	Erin Joe
Benediction	Pastor Donald Gardner



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Hebrews 10:23-25 (ESV)

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Notes:

Monthly Preaching Schedule

Date	English (9:45 am)	Mandarin (9:45 am)	Cantonese (11:15 am)
3/30/2025	Tim Eng (Family Worship Service)	Pastor Jian Yang	Pastor Jian Yang
4/6/2025	Rev. Andrew Chao	Pastor Jian Yang	Rev. Andrew Chao
4/13/2025	Pastor Oleg Xu	Lester Deng	Lester Deng

Donald Gardner Senior Pastor pastordon@cbchouston.org	Jian Yang (John) Mandarin Pastor pastorjohn@cbchouston.org
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Pastor’s Word by Pastor Donald Gardner

"A Message for Me!"

The Patches and the Wineskins

21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, and a worse tear will result. 22 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins.” (Mark 2:21-22)

Moving from one city or country to another sometimes takes a while to fully unpack! Recently, I was looking through some old trunks and bags only to find some wonderful "antique jeans!" I love the feel of old jeans but these were truly OLD. As I pulled them out, I noticed that these were a pair that still had knee patches on them from around 1995. That means these were probably purchased in the early 1990’s in Hong Kong and, somehow, they got packed away for quite some time. Reading the Scripture in Mark 2 certainly reminds me of the condition of my old jeans. They were patched by an old lady in a market who knew to use old material that matched the jeans to keep them functional. Just as in the Scriptures, the mixing of an old garment with an unshrunk cloth just wouldn't last long before the new piece would pull away from the old material. For Jesus, he knew very well that the Jewish leadership's traditions and customs would never merge well with what they needed to learn from Him.

The context of this verse is part of Jesus’ teaching on the impossibility of merging His new teachings and the salvation that would soon be offered by him on the cross with the old Jewish traditions. Knowing the Pharisees and their bureaucratic leanings toward ritualism for defining the spiritual status of their people, Jesus presented a new type of discipleship that was more than mere appearances and regulations. Jesus didn't ignore the need for a follower of His to live in a way that reflected God's action in their lives, but he called for the Jewish leadership of that day to be more than rule followers that were seeking to integrate Jewish habits/traditions with the new teachings that Jesus brought.

As Christians, our character, applied morals, and overall value system is so much more than any human attempt to "appear holy" by our own effort. Jesus calls us to be His disciples and that is not a call to Pharisaical Academic behavior, but is a challenge for us to abide, or be absorbed with, Jesus as our Lord. May you and I have the courage to be motivated to leave behind the things of this world and hunger to be Christ-like in all that we do.

Announcements.

- **A Senior Rainbow Field Trip is scheduled to Schulenberg, TX to see the “Painted Churches” on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The cost is \$30/ person (for ticket, tour fees & tips). Space is limited, so please RSVP to Dorothy at 281-222-9180 or Josephine at 713-774-4321.**
- **B&B (Bereans and Boomers) Fellowship presents “Passing on the legacy of Life and Vibrancy” with speakers Luke and Amy Wong held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the FLC. Lunch cost will be \$5/ person. Please RSVP to Gene Woo at geneywool@gmail.com or Ashley Lo at ashleyl@cbchouston.org or call CBC Office at 713-461-0963.**
- **Palm Sunday English Worship Service will be on Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary.**
- **Senior Rainbow Easter Fellowship will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 10 am to noon in the FLC. The speaker will be Mr. Tim Eng, lunch costs \$7/ person. Please RSVP to Dorothy at 281-222-9180 or Josephine at 713-774-4321.**
- **Good Friday Services will be on Friday, April 18, 2025 from 7 pm to 8 pm. The English Service will be held in the Sanctuary while the Mandarin and Cantonese will be a combined Service in the Chapel.**
- **“SONrise” Worship Service will be held on Sunday, April 20, 2025 from 8:30 am to 9 am in the CBC Prayer Garden.**
- **The Combined Resurrection Worship Service will be on Sunday, April 20, 2025 at 10 am in the Sanctuary. The Children’s Egg Hunt with a Bible story outreach and combined Easter luncheon will follow afterward.**
- **Senior Banquet Class of 2025 will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the FLC.**
- **Cambodia Mission Trip Support:** CBC is sending a team to Cambodia this summer from June 29-July 6. If you feel led to support this mission, please fill out a regular offering envelope and write "Cambodia Mission Trip" on the memo line or donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/GiveToCBC> and select the fund in the drop-down menu. For more information, please contact Catherine Yen at catherinecyen@yahoo.com.
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