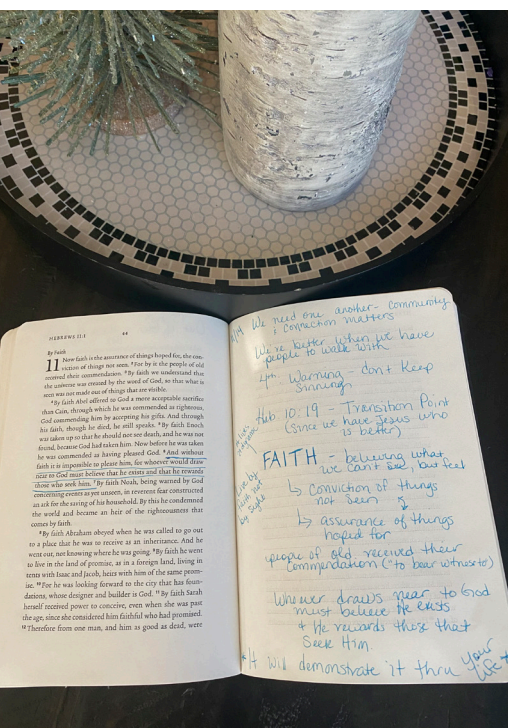




# HEBREWS REFLECTIONS

This fall, the Carmel family did a chapter-by-chapter study of the Book of Hebrews and - in the midst of COVID - it provided a timely reminder of who Christ is and the call we have to live out our faith in winsome and gracious ways. See how a few members of the Carmel family were impacted by this study.



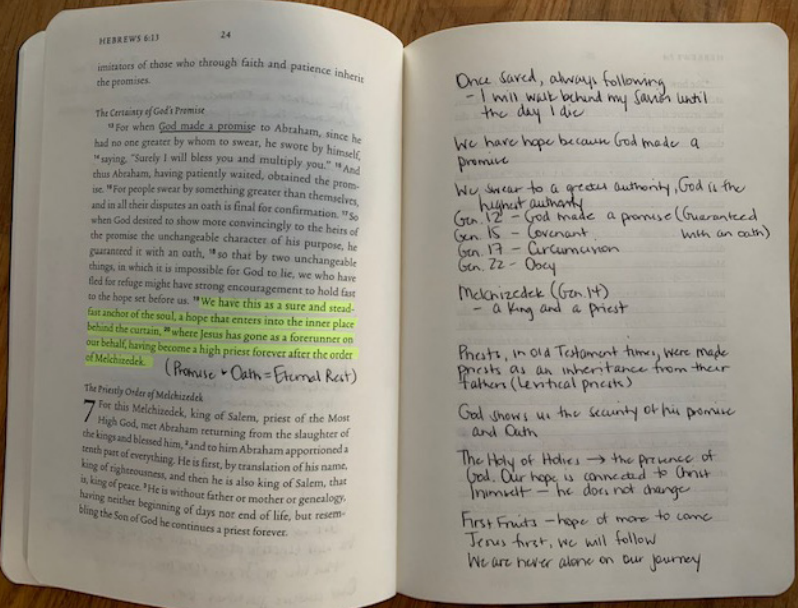
## BROOKE HICKS Carmel family member since 2019

God has taught me so much through the Hebrews Series. We are living in a very uneasy season, but though it's a shakable world, we belong to an unshakable Kingdom. This truth, and our discipline and belief in His Word influences how we behave. With that we can strive to live out His truths and pursue peace among our community of believers and nonbelievers when hope may seem distant. Our discipleship is a group effort, one where we can pray for each other and share His abounding love and holiness. As I look back, I realize how appropriate the message is for Christmas as well, as we have touched on peace, hope, love, and joy. Through this study I was reminded that Jesus is better than this sinful and imperfect world, because in Him we have hope and the promise that, *"in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* (Romans 8:28)

Goodness, there's so much more to say...I have soooooo many take aways from Hebrews that I could've written several pages!

This study [of Hebrews] has been so good for my soul in this unexpected year of unknowns.  
- Brooke Hicks





## CARA HACKETT

### Carmel Family member since 2018

Our study of Hebrews has taught me that living a life rooted in Jesus will always lead you to "better," because He is better - in all things. In my notes from the series, I had captured the thought that 'Prophets reflect, Jesus radiates'. His radiant love for us is what allows us to strive for better in our lives.

My favorite verse from these scriptures is Hebrews 11:1- *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."*

I also noted 'the blood of the Son of God is beyond priceless and precious, the only thing in the universe that could repair our broken relationship with God.' What an amazing thing, the promise of our salvation through the blood of Christ.

## SAVANNAH POWERS

### 12th Grade, Student Ministry

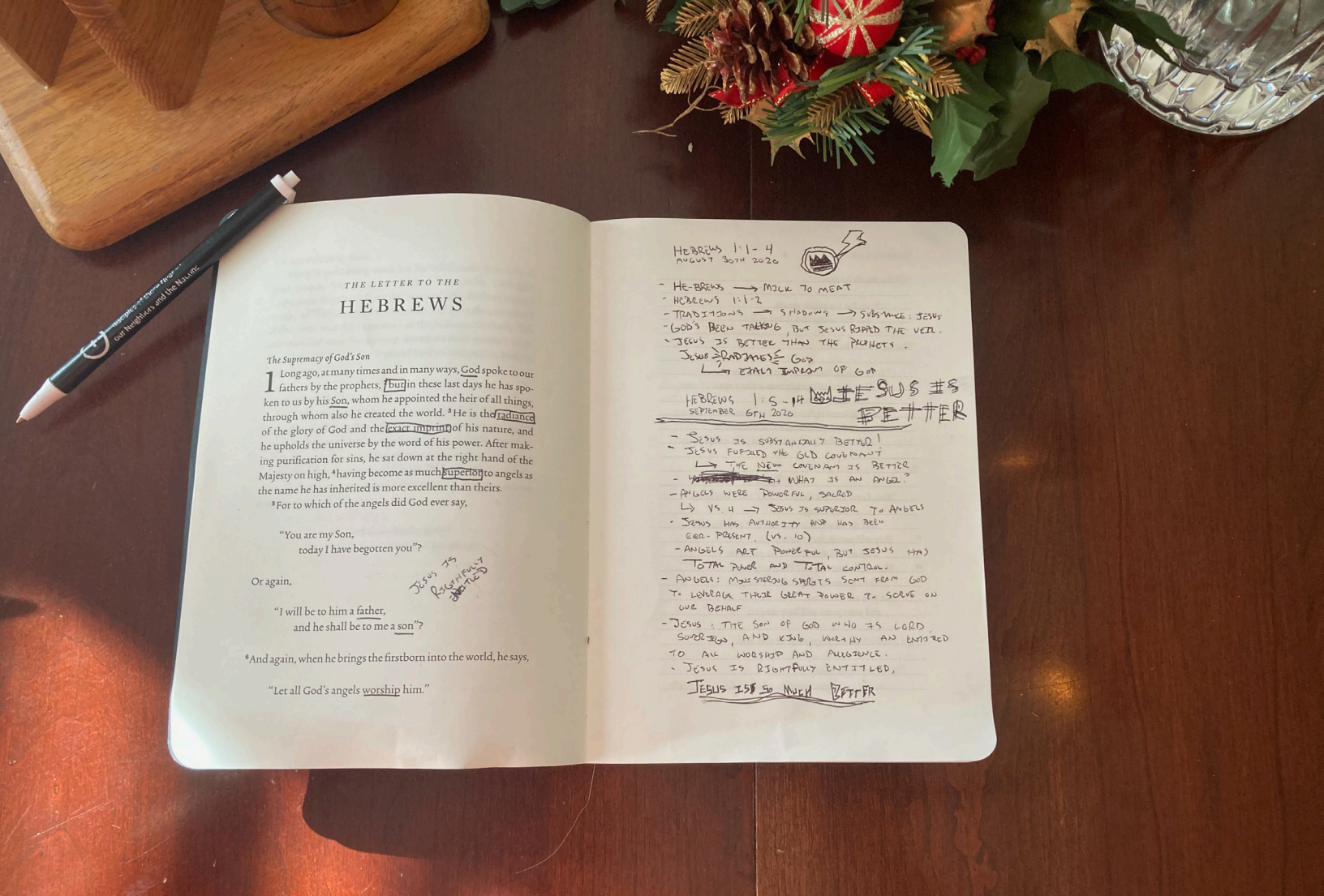
I am a runner and I know what it's like to have to run with endurance toward the finish line when you feel like giving up. I love the way Pastor Alex spoke about Hebrews 12 and the race of the Christian faith, comparing it to an Ironman triathlon. The only way to make it through the race is to train. And it's the same with my faith. The Christian life is no walk in the park. It's a continual training in the Word, in community with other believers, and in prayer to strengthen my faith so that I can run the race set before me. I was also challenged to lay down the weights on me, whether it be stress from school or anger against someone who has hurt me, because all it is going to do is hurt my relationship with the Lord.

The part of Hebrews 12 about the great cloud of witnesses reminded me to embrace the amazing community I have around me. One challenge God has put on my heart is to be a cheerleader in other people's races by asking them how I can pray for them and then actually being faithful to do so.

2,300 Hebrews journals were distributed to the Carmel family.



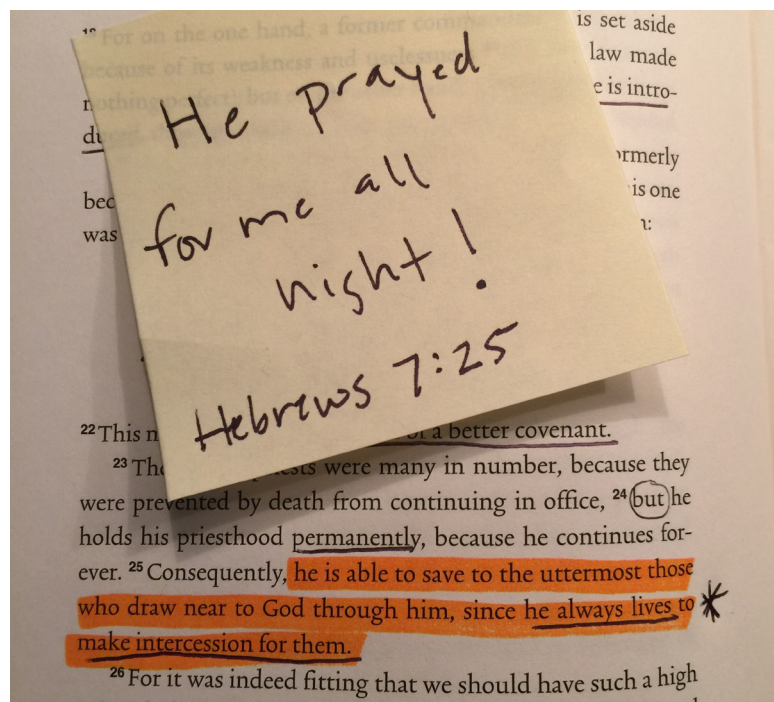




## NATHAN AMICK 12th Grade, Student Ministry

God has taught me that Jesus is better than anything! He is better than angels, He is better than Melchizedek, the high priest because of His sacrifice for us, and everything that the world esteems.

My favorite series verse was Hebrews 4:15  
*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin"*



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