Pressing on to Perfection – Heb. 5:11-6:20 Greg Stiekes, Pastor

Again the author of Hebrews diverges from his main topic in order to exhort his readers. As Jesus was "perfected" because He "learned obedience" (5:7-10), so must we also hear and obey if we would "go on to perfection" (6:1). Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity and immaturity breeds apostasy; but our perfection rests in the promise of God through Christ, our High Priest.

1.	Disobedience breeds spiritual immaturity (5:11-6:3).
	 a. Maturity is measured by knowledge (5:11-13; 6:1-2). A mature knowledge of God's Word means two things: (1) You are able to teach the basics to others.
	(2) You know the deeper things for yourself.
	b. Maturity is measured by discernment (5:14).
2.	Spiritual immaturity breeds apostasy (6:4-8).
3.	Perfection is based upon the promise of God (6:9-20).