For the Week Beginning November 1, 2026

"Contentment, Fear, and the Presence of God"

❁ Hebrews 13:5-6

5 Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

6 So we say with confidence,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

❁ **Opening Question:**
- What makes it difficult for people to be content with what they have?
- What is the difference between being content and simply settling for less?

❁ **The Living Word: Please read our text for this week.**
- Highlight words or phrases that stand out to you.
- Please narrate using your own words.

Verse 5

1. Why does the author warn against the love of money rather than money itself?
What does it mean to keep "our lives" or "our character" free from the love of money? How can we tell the difference between wise financial planning and placing our trust in money?

2. What does biblical contentment mean?
Does it mean that we ought to have no goals or desire to improve our circumstances?
Why is contentment so difficult in a culture that constantly encourages us to want more?

3. How is the presence of God and His commitment to us the answer to the temptation of love of money?
How might our discontent sometimes reveal that we are looking to possessions or circumstances to give us what only God can provide?

Verse 6

4. What is the connection between what God says in verse 5 and what we can say in verse 6?
Where does our confidence come from? What does it mean practically that "the Lord is my helper"?

5. What does it mean to say, "What can man do to me?"

❁ **Living the Word/Application:**
- Which promise do you most need today: "I will never leave you" or "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear"? Why?
- What would change in your life this week if you genuinely lived with this conviction: *"Whatever I may lack, God has not left me. Whatever I may face, God will help me."*