For the Week Beginning November 22, 2026

"Last Words"

❁ Hebrews 13:17-25

17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They
keep watch over you as men who must give an account.
Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden,
for that would be of no advantage to you.

18 Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience
and desire to live honorably in every way. 19 I particularly
urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

20 May the God of peace, who through the blood of the
eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, 21 equip you with
everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us
what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be
glory for ever and ever. Amen.

22 Brothers, I urge you to bear with my word of
exhortation, for I have written you only a short
letter.

23 I want you to know that our brother Timothy has
been released. If he arrives soon, I will come with
him to see you.

24 Greet all your leaders and all God's people. Those
from Italy send you their greetings.

25 Grace be with you all.

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

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

❁ **Opening Question:**
• Have you ever faced a responsibility and thought, 'I don't think I'm equipped for this'? What happened?

❁ **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.

Verses 17-19

1. According to verse 17, what responsibilities do spiritual leaders have toward the people they lead? Why is it significant that leaders will someday give an account to God? **2. What responsibility does the congregation have toward its spiritual leaders?** What do "obey" and "submit" mean? How can the congregation help leaders so that their work will be a joy? **3. Why do you think the author immediately asks for prayer in verses 18–19?** What's he concerned about? What should we regularly pray for concerning our pastors and spiritual leaders?

Verses 20-21

4. How is Jesus described in verses 20–21, and what do these descriptions tell us about who He is and what He has accomplished? 5. What does the writer pray that God would do in the lives of His people? How would you restate verse 21 in your own words?

Verses 22-25

6. In verse 22, the writer urges them to "bear with my word of exhortation." Looking back over Hebrews, how would you summarize this "word of exhortation"? **7. What do the personal greetings in verses 23–24 show us about the communal nature of the Christian faith?** How does it help you to remember that this letter was written to real Christians facing real pressures and struggles? **8. Why is "Grace be with all of you" an especially fitting way to end the book of Hebrews?**

❁ **Living the Word/Application:**
• What is one practical way you could encourage or pray for your spiritual leaders this week?
• Where do you need in your life to trust that God will equip you to do His will?
• Looking back over our study of Hebrews, what is one truth about Jesus that impacted you the most?