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Notice, first of all what we're told about 2 things that we have by faith.

- :19, :21 i.e. have/having (NLT :19 = boldly vs. boldness)
- Let's look at those one at a time

:19a By Faith We Have Boldness

- Therefore = 'cuz of Jesus (prev. vss.) : Brethren = Xians, people of faith
- Having = possessing : Boldness = freedom / confidence
 - Faith in all that Jesus accomplished for us when He went to the cross gives us, for the first time, the freedom & confidence to do what no one had the freedom & confidence to do before: freely enter the most Holy place there could ever be: the very presence of God.
- Think about it: Faith - the final frontier: To boldly go where few men have gone before.
 - (:19b) The Holiest, by the blood...
 - (:20b) through the veil, His flesh
 - cf. the veil in the temple torn in two - opening the way for all to have access to what was closed
- (:20a) The Basis For Boldness
 - A new & living way (vs. old & dead) ≠ dead sacrifices but the living Lord
 - Consecrated - inaugurated / paved the way
- When you believe that Jesus is who He is, and did what He did, and accomplished what He accomplished - when you believe that what you believe is really real - faith pushes fear out of the way & you have the confidence to freely approach - not an angry, terrifying God - but your loving Father, who welcomes you with open arms.
 - The sin that disqualified from fellowship w/God you removed;
 - The door isn't just open, it's been broken down so that it can't be slammed in your face;
 - And Jesus has paved this new & living way of coming boldly to the throne of grace.

(And that leads us right into the next thing we have:)

:21 By Faith We Have Jesus As Our High Priest

- "Having" not there - inferred from 19
- Over the house of God - household / family of faith
- We've spent several weeks fleshing out what it means for Jesus to be our High Priest.
 - He offered Himself as the once and for all sacrifice for sin;
 - Then He entered the true tabernacle, of which the earthly tabernacle was only a shadow, and offered His own blood that doesn't just cover our sin, but cleanses/purifies us from our sin.

(By faith we have boldness & we have Jesus as our High Priest.)

Now, let's look at what we do with what we have by faith. Notice 3 uses of the words "let us" (:22, 23, 24).

- "Let us" isn't there. It's inferred by the tense, voice and mood of the verb.
 - :22 verb = draw near = approach (present, middle, subjunctive)
 - :23 verb = hold fast = hang on to/possess (present, active, subjunctive)
 - :24 verb = consider = fix your mind on (present, active, subjunctive)
- The last two verbs, hold fast & consider, are Present, Active, Subjunctives
 - Present tense = (right) now
 - Active voice = something you do / not done for/to you
 - Subjunctive mood = possibility/potential / may/may not happen - it's up to you to make it happen
- The first verb, draw near, is a present, Middle, subjunctive
 - Middle voice = for your own benefit / to accomplish your own personal goal

:22 In Faith We Draw Near To God

- This is what God has been after since sin entered the world...
 - (Psalm 73:27-28) *...those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry. But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.*
 - (James 4:8) *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*
 - God initiated this relationship whe He created man - but sin got in the way
 - So God took sin out of the way through the cross
 - Now it's our move - to draw near: to stop being double-minded... aproach God in faith...
 - And guess what: He'll draw near to you
- (:22a) The rest of the verse tells us how - in what manner - we draw near to God.
 - With a true heart = w/motives/intentions that are genuine & sincere
 - In the full assurance our faith gives us = boldness...
 - Having been sprinkled/washed = what was once a ritual has become reality (clean, bold...)

:23 In Faith We Hold Fast To What We Believe

- Confession/Profession = noun form of *homolegeo* = same word = say the same thing (as God)
 - The Spirit of God turns on the light so we see the truth - God's truth: that's conviction
 - We agree that God's truth is true & we say the same thing / agree: that's confession
- 'Cuz of what we have *by* faith, *in* faith we hang on to the hope His truth gives us - w/o wavering
- How can we hold fast? 'Cuz we know that He is faithful (when we are faithless...)

:24-25 In Faith We Consider One Another

- Consider = fix your thinking / focus
 - Cuz of our faith in Jesus, let's fix our thinking one another.
 - (NLT) *Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds.*
- Here's how that works itself out
 - in order to stir up love & good works
 - stir up = provoke/incite (to love)
 - good works = business / occupation
 - Think of ways to provoke love among ourselves, and provoke one another to be about the business of God's kingdom.
 - not forsaking... (forgetting about / abandoning)
 - But (re. forsaking) exhorting... (exhort = encourage & rebuke, e.g. a coach)
 - So much more...
 - I don't know about you but I see the day approaching...