

Running the Race
Hebrews 12:1-2 NSV
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Introduction

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer (author, founder, champion) and perfecter (finisher) of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Main idea: The Christian life is a race of endurance and to run it faithfully you must keep your eyes fixed on the ultimate finish line—Jesus Christ.

1. Remember the heroes of our faith.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

2. Throw off things that hinder.

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

3. Discover the plan that God has for your life.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

4. Focus on the end of the race.

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

5. Embrace the joy of the race.

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.