

HEBREWS

STEADFAST FAITH IN OUR SUPERIOR SAVIOR

Running with Endurance | Hebrews 12:1-3

MAIN POINT



God has given us everything we need to run the race of faith with endurance.

Strategy #1

Hear the cries of the faithful who have gone before you



Strategy #2

Put off the hindrances which so easily weigh you down



Strategy #3

Fix your eyes on the One who endured for your spiritual good



APPLICATION



Carefully consider what Jesus endured for your perseverance in the faith.



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"NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE WHO BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, BY THE BLOOD OF THE ETERNAL COVENANT, EQUIP YOU WITH EVERYTHING GOOD THAT YOU MAY DO HIS WILL, WORKING IN US THAT WHICH IS PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO WHOM BE GLORY FOREVER & EVER."

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Growing Deeper:

- 1. Why is comparing the Christian life to an endurance race such a fitting analogy? How have you seen this to be true in your own life?
- 2. What have you learned about perseverance from the faithful example of others? How have Christian men and women (living or dead) encouraged your faith and caused you to press on when life became difficult?
- 3. What are the biggest hindrances that are weighing you down and keeping you from running the race well? Is there a particular distraction or comfort that you are pursuing? Is there a sin that you are concealing or clinging to? What is a practical 'next step' you can take this week to shed this excess weight from your life?
- 4. How does looking to Christ help you endure in the faith? How is Jesus Himself an example of faithful endurance? In what way(s) does this help remind you that Jesus is better than everything else?

Heart Preparation: Prepare your heart for worship on 09/28 by reading and meditating on Hebrews 12:4-11.

Family Discipleship: As a family, go outside and have your kids run around the house or in the yard. See how long they can run without stopping. Once they stop, ask what caused them to get tired. Use this as a chance to talk about endurance running and connect it with today's lesson. Remind them that Christians are also in a race – the race of faith – and that God has provided everything necessary to endure. Another way of doing this is to have your kids run with their eyes fixed on a singular object (or parent). Help them see how this keeps them from being distracted by everything else. Use this as a lesson in fixing our eyes on Jesus rather than the distractions or cares of this world.

Prayer Prompt: Gracious Father, thank You for providing everything I need to run the race of faith with endurance. Help me to learn from the faithful examples of others, while also setting aside the hindrances that weigh me down. Above all, may I fix my eyes on Jesus – the One who endured immense hostility so that I may persevere in faith to the end. Amen!