

Running the Race – Fixed on Jesus

Hebrews 12:1-3

1. While running the race, we should regularly look back at others. 1a

- a. A look back to chapter 11 – the great faith hall of fame "*Therefore...*"
- b. Who are these people? "*cloud of witnesses*"

2. While running the race, we should closely look at ourselves. 1b

- a. Two things we must lay aside:
 - i. Anything that encumbers us.
 - ii. Anything that entangles us.
- b. One thing we have to do: Run the race.
1 Corinthians 9:24-7, Acts 20:22-24

3. While running the race, we should intently look at Jesus. 2-3

- a. Our daily focus must be on Jesus! Verse 2
Philippians 3:13-14
 - i. He is the author of our faith.
 - ii. He is the perfecter of our faith.
Philippians 2:8-9, Romans 8:18

Three things Jesus did for us:

1. He endured the cross.
2. He navigated the immediate for the future.
3. He finished the race.

- b. Our daily strength comes from His example!
 - i. So that we do not grow weary. Isaiah 40:28-31.
 - ii. So that we do not lose heart.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7