

A Faith that Finishes!
Your Race Counts! Pt. 4
Hebrews 12:1-3
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Hebrews 12:1, *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, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter 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. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Proverbs 31:28, *Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:*

John 19:26, *When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," 27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.*

A Faith That Finishes:

1. Runs With the Right TEAM

Hebrews 12:1, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...*

2 Timothy 1:5, *I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.*

Galatians 6:4, *Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load.*

2. Lays Down Unhelpful WEIGHTS

Hebrews 12:1, *... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.*

Galatians 5:1, *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.*

1 Peter 5:7, *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

3. Endures the Hard MILES

Hebrews 12:1, *And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us...*

James 1:12, *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

2 Thessalonians 3:13, *And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.*

Ephesians 2:10, *For we are God's handiwork ... prepared in advance for us to do.*

4. Keeps Eyes on the PRIZE

Hebrews 12:2, *fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter 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.

Psalm 121:1, I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? **2** My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Isaiah 26:3, You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.

5. Refuses to GIVE UP

Hebrews 12:3, *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Isaiah 40:29, *He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. **30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; **31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*