

Running the Race of Faith Notes01142024am

Hebrews 12:1-3

Introduction:

“The tragedy of life is not the wound because life is so constituted that the wound is inevitable! The tragedy comes when we quit or give up on life because of the wound - when we fall down, and we can’t get up! There are times, however, when we simply must grit our teeth and say, "I may be down; but I’m not out!"

1. Running the Race of Faith Means You Must _____ Well. (12:1)

- Preparation for this race includes _____.
- Without faith, I cannot _____ God.
- By faith, we are made _____.
- Faith brings _____ and _____.
- We are not _____ in this race.

2. Running the Race of Faith Means You Must _____ Well. (12:1-2)

“Lay aside” – Greek aorist tense – a complete action – once and for all

➤ _____ and _____ that Slow Us Down and Trip Us Up

- Encumbrances that Slow Us Down – _____ Hindrances – the Fat

There are things which might not be evil in themselves, but which definitely are enemies of God’s best for our life.

- Entanglements that Trip us Up – _____ Hindrances – the Fetters

“and the sin which so easily entangles us,”

(that sin with which we are most bothered)

- _____ that is the Key to Victory

“and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”

Patience – Greek word = and _____ which “keeps us under the load”

3. Running the Race of Faith Mean You Must _____ Well. (12:2-3)

- **Focus Your _____ on Jesus.**

- **Jesus _____ our Faith**
- **Jesus _____ our Joy.**
- **Jesus Surpasses our _____.**
- **Jesus _____ our Victory.**

- **Focus Your _____ on Jesus.**

- **_____ Unto Jesus – “to look away”; to fix one’s eyes on something with a concentrated gaze.**

- **_____ Him – “a decisive act that must be considered throughout the duration of the race.**