

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“Greater Encouragement”

“GREATER – A Study of Jesus in the Book of Hebrews” - Pt. 42

Hebrews 12:12-17 & Selected

We Need Greater Encouragement Because...

I. The marathon we are running demands _____!

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

We Need to Toughen Up...

- When _____ threatens to overtake us.

“Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees.” Vs. 12

See Isaiah 40:28-31

- When the _____ is unknown and our footing unsure.

“...and make straight paths for your feet.” Vs. 13a

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:105

- When we are _____ and in need of restoration.

“...so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.” Vs. 13b

- Because we so easily lose our _____!

“Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.” Vs. 14

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."

Romans 14:18

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37b-39

II. Because we are in this _____ together!

Lord, Help Me to Encourage Others...

- In their race of _____.

"See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God." Vs. 15a

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

"...where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." Romans 5:20

- To guard their _____ and thus guard the flock.

"...that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled." Vs. 15b

- To a higher _____ and personal holiness.

"...that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal." Vs. 16

- To _____ true repentance and keep running!

"For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears." Vs. 17

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death."

2 Corinthians 7:10