

Sermon Title: Running the Race With Endurance

Sermon Series: Frequently Asked Questions

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-4

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Hebrews 12:1-4 ESV

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, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

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ESV: “let us run with endurance the race that is set before us”

King James: “let us run with patience the race that is set before us”

NIV: “let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”

FAQ: How do we build endurance to face the many obstacles the world throws at us?

1. To build endurance in our faith we can consider those who have gone before us.

Matthew 19:26 ESV

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Luke 1:37 ESV

“For nothing will be impossible with God.”

Phillipians 4:13 ESV

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me”

Mark 10:27 ESV

“With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”

Hebrews 12:1 ESV

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,”

2. We build endurance for the race by looking to community.

Hebrews 12:1 ESV

“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,

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3. Lose Some Weight

Hebrews 12:1 ESV

“let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely”

Hebrews 12:1 NIV

“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles”

James 5:16 ESV

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”

4. To build our endurance for life is to look to Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

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Hebrews 12:3-4 ESV

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Titus 2:11 ESV

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Romans 8:29 ESV

“Those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers”

Philippians 1:6 ESV

6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

A deep personal relationship with Jesus is where real endurance comes from.