

Series: Individual Sermons

Speaker: Pastor Rob Booth

Scripture: Hebrews 11, 12:1-2

Sermon: New Year, New You, Same God

Dig Deeper:

1. Who are the cloud of witnesses that the author speaks about in chapter 12?
2. Why is it impossible to please God without faith? What does this tell us about good deeds done by non-believers?
3. What lessons can we learn from the myriad of examples given in Hebrews 11?
4. How can a person grow in his or her faith in God?
5. How might it look different to consider the Christian life as a marathon rather than a sprint?
6. While God's affections for us are not affected by our obedience, what is affected by our obedience or disobedience?
7. What are some ways we can fix our eyes on Jesus?

Personal Application:

8. What are some things that are slowing you down as you run the race of the Christian life? Surrender these things to God. Some possibilities might be: ungodly relationships, entertainment, hobbies, sports or comforts.
9. Confess and repent of your sins that you have been holding onto.
10. Release those sins that you have already repented of and remember the gospel.
11. Are your eyes regularly fixed on Jesus? What are your eyes usually fixed on in a normal day? What practical things can you do to remind yourself to fix your eyes on Jesus?

For further study:

12. Do some research into how marathon runners prepare and run their races. What lessons can we learn for the Christian life from long-distance runners?