

# FINISH LINE FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-3

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## SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW

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How did you actively and intentionally listen to God's Word this past week (78:1)?

What child or teen have you committed to invest in (78:4-6)?

How did you help the next generation "put their confidence in God" (78:7)?

## SCRIPTURE READING

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Hebrews 12:1-3; 11:39-40; Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:32-36; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;

Philippians 2:16; 3:12-14; 2 Timothy 2:1-13; 4:7-8; Isaiah 40:29-31; James 5:7-11

## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. Which Old Testament figures from the "great cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) have encouraged you to persevere in your faith (Hebrews 11:7-40)? What lessons or examples from their lives stand out to you? Who in your life or church history has finished their Christian race well in character, relationships, or ministry? How could their stories reshape your perspective this week?
2. What habits, comforts, distractions, or time-wasters are hindering your walk with Christ (Hebrews 12:1)? What would it look like to limit, simplify, or lay them down this week? What practical steps can you take to ensure you finish your race well? Who can you ask to provide accountability and help you cultivate self-discipline?
3. In what areas have you struggled with unbelief—doubting God's goodness or sovereignty (Hebrews 12:1)? Consider work, singleness, marriage, family, ministry, health, or finances. Where do you notice patterns of pride, fear, lust, bitterness, or self-reliance in your life? Who have you invited into your life for accountability, prayer, and encouragement?
4. What currently captures more of your mental focus: Christ or your circumstances (Hebrews 12:2)? How might fixing your gaze on Jesus change your attitude, decisions, and perspective? What would endurance look like in your current season? What practices (prayer, community, Scripture, service) help you keep running?
5. What hardship, opposition, or weariness are you facing right now (Hebrews 12:3)? Where have you grown weary, complacent, or distracted in your faith? How are you cultivating joy even in the midst of difficult circumstances? How does reflecting on Jesus' endurance influence the way you view your current struggles?

## RECOMMENDED READING

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Jason Meyer, *Don't Lose Heart: Gospel Hope for the Discouraged Soul* (Baker, 2019)

Gary Thomas, *The Beautiful Fight: Surrendering to the Transforming Presence of God Every Day of Your Life* (Zondervan, 2007)

Joe L. Wall, *Going for the Gold* (Grace Theology Press, 2013)