

Hebrews 11 Heroes of the Faith One standout quality they all had was they all kept going in hopeful endurance.



Hebrews 12:1–2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

> RUN WITH HOPEFUL ENDURANCE

What is our race?

John 10:10 Jesus said – *I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly.*



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Ephesians 2:8–10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.



Godly success requires

- The power and encouragement of the Holy Spirit
- Godly character that He develops in us



Hebrews 6:11–12 we desire that each one of you demonstrate the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through **faith and endurance** inherit the promises.



God's success is a journey

- He gives us a <u>Promise</u>
- Our enemy brings <u>Problems</u>
- We <u>Possess</u> promise as we run with Hopeful Endurance



Same journey throughout Bible

- Heroes of faith in Hebrews 11
- Jesus for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, and sat down at right hand of Father
- Paul's momentary light afflictions planted churches and wrote much of the New Testament

RUN WITH HOPEFUL ENDURANCE **Philippians 1:6** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.



Same journey Elijah took Proverbs 24:16 ... though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again ...



Run with Hopeful Endurance

- Psalm 100:5 For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.
- Romans 8:31 If God is for us, who can ever be against us?
- Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



Run with Hopeful Endurance

James 1:2–4 Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters*, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.



