

Hebrews 11:39-40

“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.”

God’s better plan calls us to: Hebrews 12: 1 – 4

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. (v. 1)

1) Throw off: Everything that hinders **you**

The sin that easily entangles **you**

2) Run **your** race with perseverance!

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (v. 2)

3) **Believing loyalty** to Jesus alone, no other gods / idols

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lost heart. (v. 3)

4) We need to learn how to **focus on** the life & call of Jesus

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. (v. 4)

5) Jesus shed His, then rose from the dead to give us life!

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