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# 25th Anniversary

## LIVING THE PRESENT

Hebrews 12:1 *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...*

1. Running our race with perseverance means learning from the faith of past saints.

Hebrews 11: The Hall of Faith

1. Noah: built a boat!
2. Sarah: believed she'd have a son!
3. Abraham: believed God would resurrect Isaac!
4. Moses: chose the suffering of being a Hebrew!
5. Israelites: marched for seven days!

Reminder: Part of learning from them is being reminded that suffering and sacrifice was part of the deal!

2. Running our race with perseverance means laying down:
  - Distractions that weigh us down.
  - Sin that entangles us.

Hebrews 12:2 *...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

3. Running our race with perseverance means we focus on the one who ran His race perfectly!

How did Jesus run?

- He had faith in God – Believe
- He had a group of 12 – Grow
- He put others before himself – Serve
- He sacrificed to advance the gospel – CYW

Closing Thoughts

1. Our race we are to run is not just a marathon but a relay!
2. Spiritual training is best done with small, daily, consistent strides.
3. Lay down what's weighing you down in order to pick up the pace!

Look to Jesus as you run your race!  
Lay weight down to pick up the pace!

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