

Renovate – Week 3

- 1. What were some of your favorite sports/games that you liked to play as a kid?
- 2. What stood out to you from this week's sermon?
- 3. In what ways is our faith like a race?
- 4. Who is (or was) someone who encouraged you by how they are "running the race?"
- 5. We talked about the fact we have instructions on how to persevere in our personal renovation.

Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and discuss the instructions.

| Set aside distractions/hindrances - | |
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| | Name some of them. |
| | What hindrances affect you personally? |
| Set aside sin - | Name obvious sins. Now name less-obvious sins. |
| | Personal homework this week |
| | Take some time to think about this |
| | What sin do you need to set aside? |
| | What will it cost you if you don't? |
| | How can you set it aside? |
| Fix your eyes on Jesus - | Talk about what Paul says about Jesus. |
| | How can we daily fix your eyes on Jesus? |
| | How can that help you renovate in 2020? |
| Don't quit - | Why do you think so many people quit the "race?" |
| | What hardships/sufferings/difficulties in your own life have made you "grow weary and lose heart?" |
| | What are some things you can put into place to keep you from quitting? |

6. How can focusing on the finish line help us?

Read James 1:2-4

- 7. How does knowing there is a purpose behind trials help you continue in your renovation with God?
- 8. How will you, personally, apply what we talked about today?

Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

12 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, 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 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

James 1:2-4 (NIV)

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1:2-4 (ESV)

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Don't Forget...

Date Night – Feb 20 at 6pm. Reserve your spot on the app today.

Girls Night – March 7 at 5pm. For all girls age 0-110. Sign your girls (ages 3+) up to be involved in the entertainment and mark your calendars.