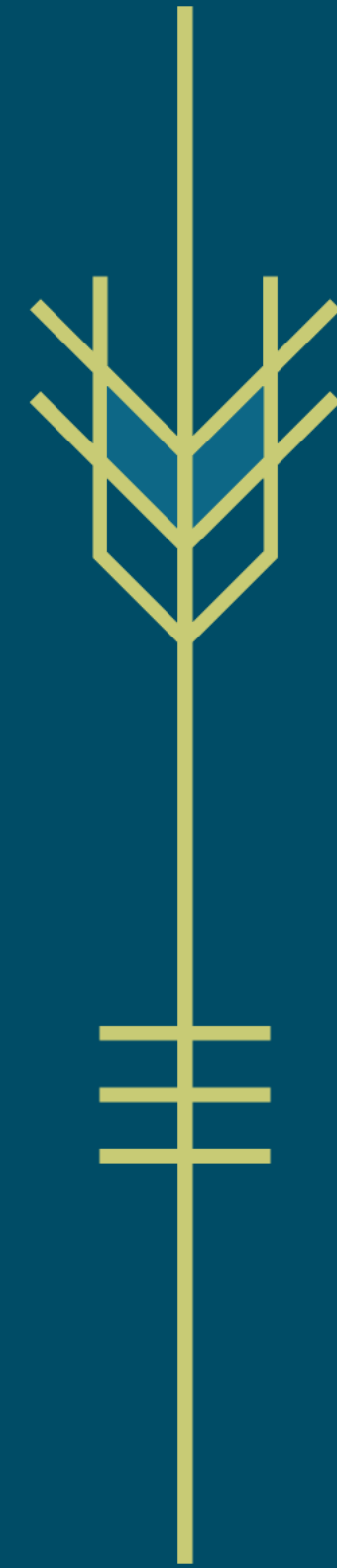


*Gospel of John*

BELIEVE

AND LIVE



But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the christ, the son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



# “Big Idea”

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but through our faith in Jesus we have victory  
and can experience peace.



Jesus clears up “a little while” (v.16-24)





“a little while” -

you won't see me (I'll be gone)





“a little while” -

you will see me (I’ll be back)





Sadness to Joy -

(It's like having a baby)



From this...





To this...





# Why was the World happy?

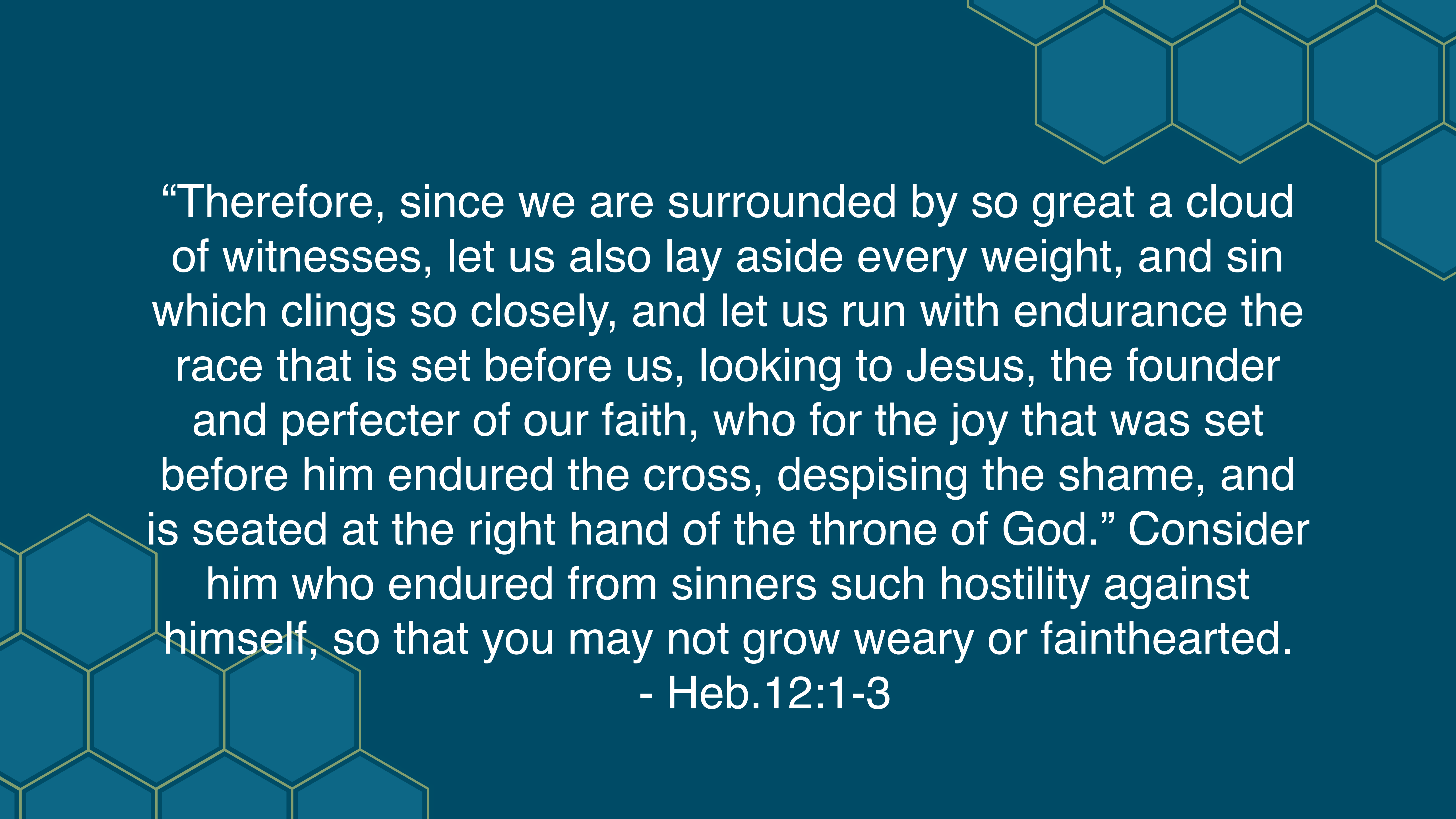
The gospel is repulsive to the human mind  
outside of the Holy Spirit's work of illumination  
and conviction





How is Sadness turned to Joy?





“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, 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.” Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

- Heb.12:1-3


# How is Sadness turned to Joy?


Sorrow (sadness) can turn to joy when we see how God is using that in our lives for our good and His glory.



We have Overcome!

Jesus says, “I have won”





““I have told you these things, so that you can have peace because of me. In this world you will have trouble. But cheer up! I have won the battle over the world.””



- Jn.16:33



Breaking it down:

“In this world you will have trouble”





“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or  
famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is  
written, “For your sake we are being killed all the  
day long; we are regarded as sheep to be  
slaughtered. No, in all these things we are more  
than conquerors through him who loved us”

- Rom.8:35-37



Breaking it down:

“In Him we have peace and victory”



“God knows what you too are facing. He sees well the brokenness that is all around you. He is not in a panic, wondering how he’ll ever pull off his plan with all these obstacles in the way. Don’t be discouraged. God has you exactly where he wants you. He knows just how he will use what makes you afraid in order to build your faith. He is not surprised by the troubles you face, and he surely has no intention of leaving you to face those things on your own. He stands with you in power, glory, goodness, wisdom, and grace. He can defeat what you can’t, and he intends these troubles to be not enemies that finish you but tools of grace that transform you.

-Paul David Tripp, “New Morning Mercies”

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# Discipleship Cues ...

1. How does knowing the world's natural attitude towards Jesus affect how you live out the gospel in this world? Does it help or discourage you?
2. How does knowing the we win with Jesus in the end help us in the moment of trouble?
3. What is something happening in your life currently that doesn't "look like victory". Pray about how God may be using that your life to make you more like Jesus as you 'abide in Him' (Jn.15:5)

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