

THREE CHEERS FOR THE RACE OF LIFE

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I. INTRODUCTION

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,

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

II. THREE CHEERS FOR FELLOW RUNNERS

1. *Keep Running!*

A. Throw off hindrances and keep running!

B. Throw off sin and keep running!

C. Persevere and keep running!

- Everyone is running.

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.

2. *Fix Your Eyes on Jesus!*

A. Fix your eyes on Jesus' endurance.

- Our toughest battles lead to our greatest victories.

B. Fix your eyes on Jesus' example.

Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- Don't give up in the middle.
- Crucifixion must come before a resurrection.

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3. Jesus is Coming!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A. We have a future promise: Jesus is coming!

2 Timothy 4:7-8 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

B. We have a future prize: Jesus is coming!

Keep Running!

Fix Your Eyes on Jesus!

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