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of a
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Part 1: Embracing My Race

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ "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."



Faith Leaves a Legacy

Hebrews 12:1

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What is faith really?

Hebrews 11:1-2

¹ Now *faith is the assurance* of things hoped for, *the conviction* of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation.

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- Here's the powerful truth: a faith-filled race will speak to generations long after you... faithfulness is a legacy!

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. ***And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.***



Everyone Can Be Trained

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What prevents you from running well?



What demotivates you from running well?

1 Corinthians 9:22-27

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ ***Every athlete exercises self-control in all things.*** They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But ***I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.***

Romans 10:17

So *faith comes from hearing*, and hearing through *the word of Christ*.

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Your Course Is Unique

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Hebrews 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 13:7-8

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

