

A man in athletic wear is running on a paved road that curves through a field of tall, golden grass. The scene is set during sunrise or sunset, with a soft, hazy light and a line of trees in the background. The man is captured in mid-stride, moving from left to right. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**OUR
JOURNEY
OF FAITH IS
LIKE A LONG
DISTANCE
RUNNER**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27
2 Timothy 4:7-8

Hebrews 10:19-25

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let’s approach God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith,

Hebrews 10:19-25

having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let's hold firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let's consider how to encourage one another in love and good deeds, not abandoning our own meeting together, as is the habit of some people,

Hebrews 10:19-25

but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”



Cheers and promptings of encouragement.

Careful discernment:
Gifts of the Spirit continue vs. Cessationism.

“let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us...”



**Trim the fat.
Excess baggage.**



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that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance^h the race marked out for us.

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, ⁱ scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners

For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Four Principles to Help Us Run the Race Set Before Us

- **We should: Be encouraged by those who have run before us**

Four Principles to Help Us Run the Race Set Before Us

- **We should: Get rid of anything that hinders or encumbers us**

Four Principles to Help Us Run the Race Set Before Us

- **We should: Run with Perseverance
(Patience and Endurance)**

Four Principles to Help Us Run the Race Set Before Us

- We should: **Fix our Eyes on Jesus**