

#11 Run YOUR Race!

Hebrews 12:1-13

1. We **ARE NOT ALONE** on this race

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses...

- These witnesses are:
 - A **MODEL** of great faith
 - **EVIDENCE** of God's faithfulness

2. We must **DRESS FOR SUCCESS** on this race

Hebrews 12:1...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...

- Sin will hinder your race
- Worries, riches, and pleasures can also hinder your race

3. **PERSEVERANCE** is critical for YOUR race

Hebrews 12:1...And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

- Your race is specific to you
- Trust that God has perfectly designed your race to shape you into the person He wants you to become

4. **FIX YOUR EYES** on Jesus to win your race

Hebrews 12:2 ...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith...

- Jesus both initiates and perfects our faith

5. **DISCIPLINE** is one of God's tools to train us for our race

- God never punishes Christians, but He does discipline Christians
Romans 8:1: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus
- We should think about discipline **RIGHTLY**
Hebrews 12:5 ...My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you

- God disciplines **HIS CHILDREN**

Hebrews 12:7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not discipline by their father?

- God disciplines us for **OUR GOOD**

Hebrews 12:10 They discipline us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness

6. **CONSIDER JESUS** when you run your race

- Jesus is both the OBJECT and MODEL of our worship because He perfectly ran the hardest race in history
Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart

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