

FAITH TO FINISH THE RACE

Hebrews 11:39-12:2

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HEBREWS 11:39-12:2 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. **12:1** 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.

I. The Old Testament Saints _____ the _____ we live in.

II. Faith is a _____ - _____ race.

III. Get rid of the _____ that _____ you down.

IV. Run to the _____ and _____ of your faith.

a. Jesus will finish what He has started.

V. Jesus endured the _____ to bring you _____.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some hurdles that get in your way (from running the race the Lord has set before you)?
2. In what practical ways do you make an effort to look to Jesus every day?
3. In your own words, explain what it means that Jesus is the founder of your faith? What does it mean that He is the perfecter of your faith?
4. When you are walking through trials, does it get harder for you to see Jesus? Or, do the trials make it easier for you to see Him?
5. Which of your heroes in the faith have gone home to be with the Lord? How does it motivate you to continue running, knowing that Jesus takes all of His children home?

Next Week's Verses: Hebrews 12:3-17