

Run with Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-3

Verse 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.”

1. **Main Point** “Let us run with endurance the _____ marked out for us.”
 - A. If you are **NOT** a Christian, get _____ the race, because if you ever have any chances to win, you need to be entered in the race.
 - B. If you **ARE** a Christian, you are _____ in the race, don't give up, finish the race.
2. **The Encouragement** (vs 1a)
3. **The Obstacles** (vs 1b)
 - A. I liked soda / sugar - I allowed things in my life that stopped my progress
 - B. I wonder what things we allow in our lives that stop our spiritual _____.

Verse 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.”

1. _____ **our eyes on Jesus** (vs 2a)
 - A. Don't focus on other runners
 - B. Don't focus on yourself and the do's and don'ts
 - C. Focus on Jesus
2. The _____ and _____ **of faith.** (vs 2b)
3. He Endured the _____ . (2c)

Verse 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow _____ and lose _____.

1. **The Hebrews author finishes** his plea with just one thought. God would never ask you or I to do anything that Jesus the great example would not do.
 - A. Your race that He has called you to endure, will _____
to the sacrifice that He joyfully made of Himself for you.

CONCLUSION:

Don't give up! Don't Give Up! **Don't Ever Give Up! DON'T EVER EVER GIVE UP!** Finish the Race God has place you in and Don't Give Up!