

Text: Hebrews 12:1-2
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Running the Race

1) Run the Race with endurance by getting rid of any hindrances (12:1)

2) Run the Race with endurance by getting rid of any sin (12:1)

3) Run the Race with endurance by fixing your eyes on Jesus (12:2)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God’s Word in order to see how this can be done.

FOCUSING ON THE PASSAGE:

1. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. What is the main command of the two verses? How do the other commands in these two verses support the main command? How do they all work together?

2. How does sin ‘entangle’ or ‘ensnare’ us? What does the commission of sin reveal about the condition of our faith? How do we lay aside sin on a practical level? How does this passage help us?

3. Take a moment and consider from verse 2 the hope that is to be found in Jesus’ example. How is the writer using his life and his trials to encourage his readers? Where is hope found in what Jesus went through so that we will persevere until the end?

FOCUSING ON YOUR LIFE:

4. Read once again verse 1. What are hindrances in your life that are distracting you from keeping your eyes fixed upon Jesus? Remember that these hindrances aren’t necessarily sinful in and of themselves, but they are distracting. How can you rid yourself of these hindrances so that Christ is more clearly in focus?

Thoughts for Worship:

We praise You LORD. May You be praised from the heavens: may You be praise in every height. Let all Your angels praise You, all Your hosts. We call upon the sun and moon to sing to You, and all the stars of light. Highest heaven adores You, as well as the waters above the heavens. They praise You, as we do, as grateful creatures. You commanded, and they came to be. But You are not only the Creator of all things, but also the One who sustains all You have created, You have established them forever and ever, with a decree which shall not pass away.

We praise You, LORD, from the earth, along with all the ocean depths. Fire and hail and snow and mist all praise You; stormy winds fulfill Your every word to them. Mountains and all hills, fruitful trees and all cedars together adore and worship You. The beasts of the field and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds glorify Your name, as we also seek to do in worship. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth, willingly or unwillingly, all do the same. Let them come to praise You willingly; LORD, make them willing. Let all young men and maidens, old men and children praise Your name, O LORD: for Your name is excellent; Your glory is above the earth and heaven.

You exalt the horn of Your people, the praise of all Your saints; even the worship of Your children Israel, and have made us a people near unto You. We praise you LORD, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN! – **BY DOUG WILSON**

Do you come to worship this morning as someone who is holy? J.C. Ryle writes: “We must be holy, because this is the only proof that we love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. This is a point on which He has spoken most plainly, in the 14th and 15th chapters of John. “If ye love Me, keep My commandments.” ...Plainer words than these it would be difficult to find, and woe to those who neglect them! Surely that man must be in an unhealthy state of soul who can think of all that Jesus suffered, and yet cling to those sins for which that suffering was undergone. It was sin that wove the crown of thorns; it was sin that pierced our Lord’s hands, and feet, and side; it was sin that brought Him to Gethsemane and Calvary, to the cross, and to the grave. Cold must our hearts be if we do not hate sin and labor to get rid of it.