Run with Endurance

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INTRODUCTION

- Brothers and sisters, we need to be praying for that city and that country.
- We must pray to God at all times and over all things, because only with God will we have deliverance.
- Not only do we need to be laying aside weights for this race that we are to run, this race needs to be run with what? Well, with endurance.

1 Looking to Jesus: Keep Our Eyes on Him

Hebrews 12:2–3; Hebrews 3:12

- We need to keep our eyes on Jesus.
- Constantly, the message of this book is don't fall away. Jesus is superior, especially to the old law.
- Jesus is not only the center of the better covenant, but he is how we are to run the race with endurance.

2 There Are Going to Be Struggles

Hebrews 12:3

- First of all, we need to realize that there are going to be struggles.
- And you know when we're generally our most excited to be Christians? At the beginning.
- You're laying aside the sin which clings so closely to you.
- What's the difficult thing about passion? Sustaining it.

3 Surrounded by So Great a Cloud of Witnesses

Hebrews 11:29–40; Hebrews 12:1

- They were stoned. They were sawn in two. They were killed with the sword.
- Brothers and sisters, these were men of faith. That's who this cloud of witnesses are.
- I know I can do it. How? Because men have done it.
- By faith, they acted. Their faith moved them past the challenges of this life, and it allowed them to finish the race with endurance.

4 The Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith

Hebrews 12:2; Hebrews 2:10

- We're not going to make it if we don't consider Jesus.
- In bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.
- Without him, our faith wouldn't make it. Jesus is our mediator to God.
- When sin is clinging closely to me, when I can't set aside every weight, what must I do? Look to Jesus.

5 Jesus Endured the Cross

Matthew 26:36–44; Matthew 27:27–31

- My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.
- Jesus was mocked, he was flogged, he was beaten, he was spit upon.
- Jesus was blameless. Jesus was innocent. Jesus did not deserve this.
- Jesus is the perfect model for persevering and enduring the race.

6 For the Joy That Was Set Before Him

Ephesians 1:20–23; Philippians 3:12–14; Hebrews 11:1–6

- Jesus had his eyes set on the goal.
- We need to remember where we are going. We need to know that we can make it and we have something worth making.
- If you want to be distressed, look within. If you want to be defeated, look back. If you want to be distracted, look around. If you want to be delivered, look above.
- Where is our joy found? Through our faith that God is.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **But will we run the race? Will we run it to it till its completion? Will we run the race with endurance?**

MY NOTES