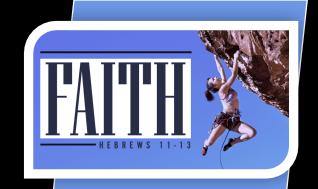
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"Run, Christian, Run!" Hebrews 12:1

Call to the Word Hebrews 12:1-2

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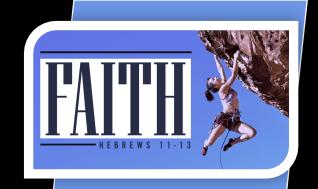


Call to the Word

Therefore, we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us...

Hebrews 12:1-2





Call to the Word

...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



"Run, Christian, Run!" introduction





Metaphorical Idiom:

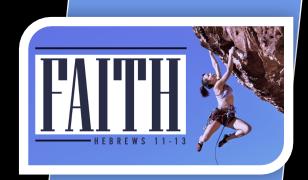
"...let us run... the race that is set before us..."

The Christian life is like a race.



"We are Surrounded" Heb 12:1

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Surrounded Heb 12:1

"Therefore, we also..."

We also are to make our lives testify to the truth of God's absolute faithfulness to us in every circumstance of life.





Surrounded Heb 12:1 "...are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..."

The Heroes of the Faith... the Winners

Romans 15:4





Surrounded
Heb 12:1

Rom 15:4

"patience" means "endurance," "comfort" means "encouragement."

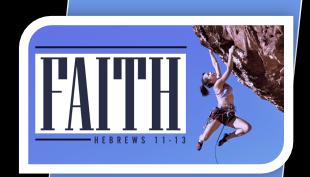
One of the best ways to develop endurance and encouragement is to get to know the godly men and women of the Old Testament who ran the race and won.

St. Peter's
Square
Rome



St. Peter's
Square
Rome





Surrounded Heb 12:1

Cloud of Witnesses

...their life of faith and accomplishments through faith are a witness to us of what faith can do when we exercise faith in our own lives.





Lay Aside
Heb 12:1

Lay Aside every weight...

Like taking off dirty clothes, get rid of the surplus bulk that is slowing you down.



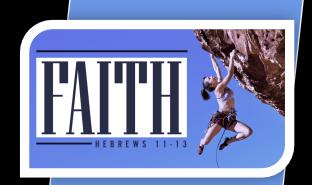


Valeriy Borzov

1976

"The reason I'm
losing is because I'm
about three pounds
overweight."





The Weights... anything that hinders progress.

A winning athlete does not choose between the good and the bad; he chooses between the better and the best.





The Weights... anything that hinders progress.

- Religious Attitudes

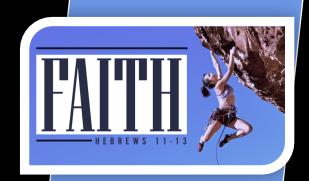




The Weights... anything that hinders progress.

- Religious Attitudes
- Materialism





The Weights... anything that hinders progress.

- Religious Attitudes
- Materialism
- Wasting Time & Talent





"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him."

C. T. Studd

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."



7he Sin Heb 12:1

"... the sin that so easily ensnares us"

Ensnare: to impede, hinder, obstruct

Sin (singular): doubt, unbelief

You miss the mark when you doubt!





Trust

1. Aman – God's faithfulness

Deut 7:9

7he Start
Heb 12:1





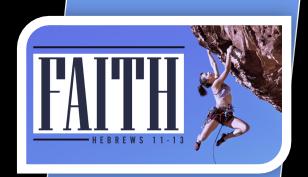
Trust

2. Batah: Indicates trust and the feelings if safety and security

3. Bithah: confidence in divine strength & salvation

2 Ki 18 & 19





Trust

4. Sa'an: trust in what you are leaning on for support

Pro 3:5-6





Trust

5. Mibtah: an attitude and strong confidence in God

Pro 14:26

Jer 17:7

Dan 3:17-18, 25, 30



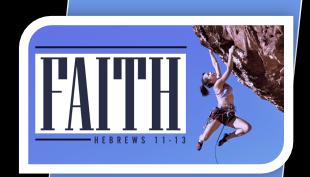


Trust

6. Pitho: to be absolutely convinced beyond a shadow of doubt

Rom 8:38-39





Trust

7. Elpizo: trust defined by an absolute expectation of coming good

Heb 11:1





"Trust is not a belief that God can bless or that He will bless, but that He does bless, here and now.

Trust always operates in the present tense. Hope looks toward the future. Trust looks to the present.

Hope expects. Trust possesses."
- E.M. BOUNDS



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