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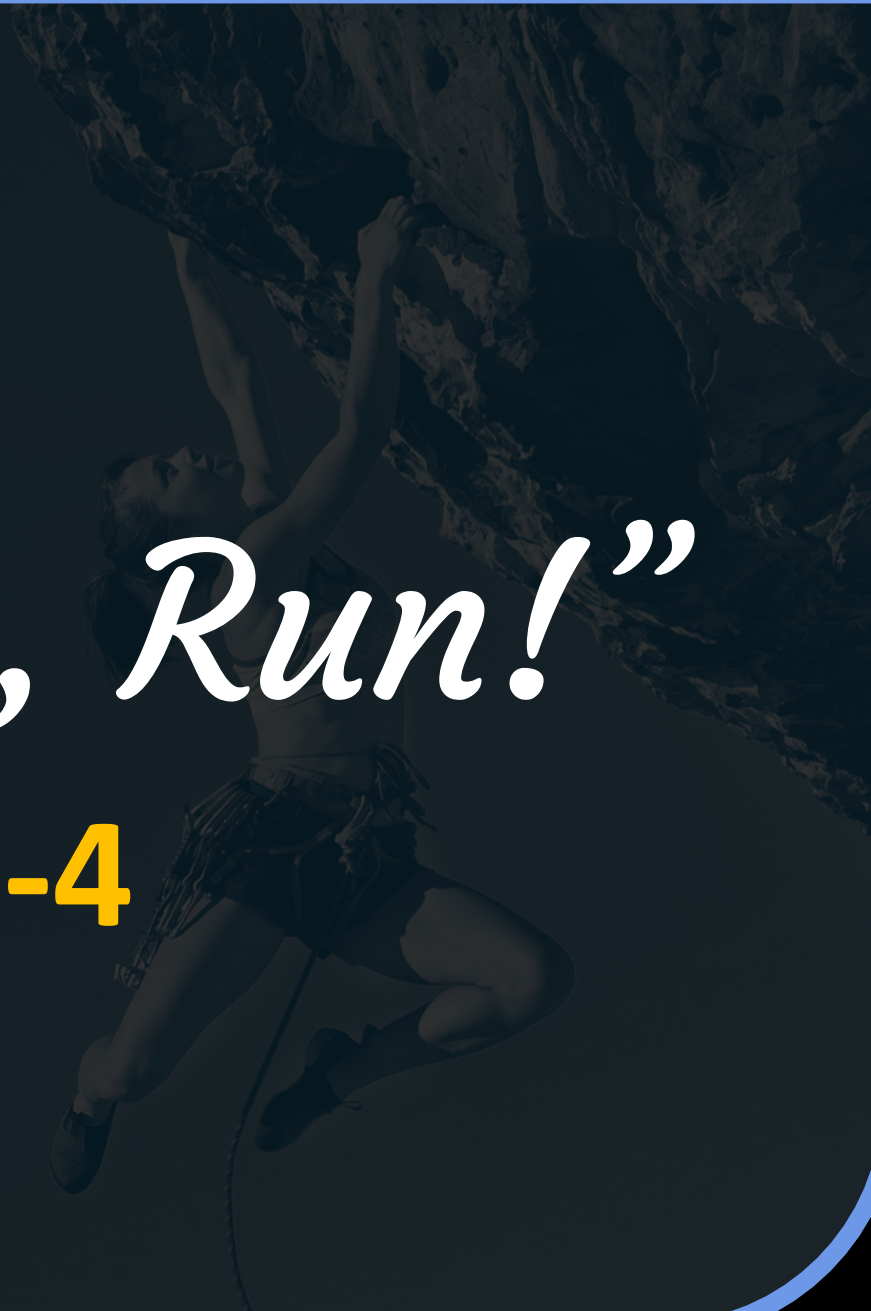
HEBREWS 11-13



*“Run, Christian, Run!”*

**Hebrews 12:1-4**

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*Call to the  
Word*

**Hebrews 12:1-4**



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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**



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# 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**

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# Call to the Word

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

**Hebrews 12:3-4**

A person is shown rock climbing on a dark, textured rock face. The climber is wearing a light-colored tank top and dark shorts, and is positioned on the right side of the frame. The background is dark and moody, with the climber's silhouette highlighted against the rock.

*“Run, Christian,  
Run!”*

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*“Strip Down & Go the  
Distance”*

Heb 12:1

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*Strip  
Down*

**Heb 12:1**

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

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*Strip  
Down*  
**Heb 12:1**

*And we desire for each one of you to show the same diligence... so be imitators of those who through faith [lean on God with absolute trust and confidence in Him and in His power] and by patient endurance [even when suffering] are [now] inheriting the promises.*

***(Heb 6:11 AMP)***

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Heb 12:1

**Weight:** the cares and concerns for this world

**Sin:** doubt & disbelief

**Endurance:** one who continues in an activity despite resistance and opposition and who is assured of a good end.



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*Strip  
Down*  
Heb 12:2

**Looking:** to turn the look away from everything else.

We are to look from all else to Jesus.  
We are to focus our vision on Jesus.

*“Never cease to look on Him who ever looks on you.”*

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Heb 12:2

## What does it mean to focus on Jesus?

- It means to be filled with **thoughts** of His person and work
- It means to be filled with **thoughts** of His motivation
- It means to be filled with **thoughts** of His example

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Heb 12:2

## His Person & Work

... the **author** and finisher of our faith.

**Author:** “leader”... He knows the course... follow Him

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Heb 12:2

## His Person & Work

... the author and **finisher** of our faith.

**Finisher:** one who gets us over the finish line & rewards us

**Php 1:6; Mat 16:27; Rev 22:12**



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Heb 12:2

## His Motivation

...who for the **joy** that was set before  
Him

**Heb 2:10**

**Luke 23:42**

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Heb 12:2

## His Motivation

**Despising** to hold in contempt, to despise

**Shame:** powerful feelings of disrespect, disgrace & humiliation

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Heb 12:2

*“Shame was stripping away every earthly support that Jesus had: His friends gave way in shaming abandonment; His reputation gave way in shaming slander; His decency gave way in shaming nakedness; His comfort gave way in shaming torture.” (Spurgeon)*

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**Heb 12:2**

## His Motivation

*...sat down at the right hand of the  
throne of God*

***Preeminence, power & fullness of joy.***

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Heb 12:2

*“Think of your Savior as your God,  
clothed with all power and authority.  
Surely this should urge you to  
quicken your pace, and never to  
become weary or faint.” (Spurgeon)*

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Down*

Heb 12:3

## His Example

To **'consider'** means to **"Study again"**  
– think out carefully with  
thoroughness and completeness...

“Consider the opposition He endured”  
The hatred & deep-seated  
antagonism

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Heb 12:3

***“When I think of what Christ suffered,  
I am ashamed to call anything that I  
have endured suffering for his sake.”  
(Luther)***

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Heb 12:3-4

*Grow Weary: to collapse exhausted*

*“In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted so as to endanger your lives...” (Weymouth)*

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Heb 12:3-4

**Gal 6:9** Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary.



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Down*

Heb 12:3-4

The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, who neither faints nor grows weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

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Heb 12:3-4

**Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.**

Isa 40:28-31

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