

Keep on Running...

Hebrews 12:1-2

- I. ...because of the pavilion and the people.
 - A. Hebrews 12:1a “Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,...”
 - B. Surrounded—encircled
 - C. Cloud of witnesses
 - 1. Abel – Hebrews 11:4
 - 2. Noah – Hebrews 11:7
 - 3. Abraham – Hebrews 11:8-19
 - 4. Moses – Hebrews 11:23-29

- II. ...having made the preparation.
 - A. Hebrews 12:1b “...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,...”
 - B. Lay aside the weight – reference to training
 - 1. Home and family
 - 2. Worldly possessions
 - 3. Hobbies
 - C. Lay aside sin.
 - 1. Ensnarers – entangles, clings to us
 - 2. Demas
 - 3. Hymenaeus and Alexander
 - 4. Prodigal son

- III. ...with patience.
 - A. Hebrews 12:1c “...and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,...”
 - B. Hebrews 12:2a “...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,...”
 - 1. Author – chief leader
 - 2. Finisher – perfecter
 - 3. Our faith – the sum of all we believe

- IV. ...for the prize.
 - A. Hebrews 12:2b “...who for the joy that was set before Him...”
 - B. Hebrews 12:2c “...endured the cross,...” (stay under)
 - C. Hebrews 12:2d “...despising the shame,...”
 - 1. Despising – disesteem
 - 2. Galatians 3:13
 - 3. The cross is not a work of art (beauty)—wicked criminals died there!
 - D. Hebrews 12:2e “...and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
 - 1. Acts 2:33-36
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 15:25-26
 - 3. Philippians 2:9-11

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