

Running the Race

(Part 1)

(Hebrews 12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

The Race Is _____ Before Us

(Genesis 50:20) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good

The race is _____

The Cloud of Witnesses — The _____ of Faith

The Race Is Run _____

(1 Timothy 6:12) Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

(2 Timothy 4:7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith

(1 Thessalonians 5:11) Therefore encourage one another and build each other up

Throw Off Every Hindrance and the Sin That _____

Run with _____

(Philippians 3:12–14) Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. {13} Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, {14} I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

The Race Requires _____

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Fix your eyes on _____

(Hebrews 12:2) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith

Jesus is the _____ and _____

The _____ of Future Joy

(Hebrews 11:26) He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

God Gives Strength to the _____

(Isaiah 40:31) ...but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

The _____ of the Race

(Galatians 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Perseverance Is _____ of Grace

(Jude 24) To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy.

Run, Because the _____ Is Coming...

(1 Corinthians 9:24–27) Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

...and the joy is _____

How can we run _____?

(Acts 20:24) However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

- 1. Keep short accounts with sin.*
- 2. Train deliberately.*
- 3. Find companions for the journey.*

(Hebrews 3:13) But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

- 4. Keep the goal before you.*
- 5. Keep eternity before your eyes.*
- 6. Hope in the LORD for renewed strength.*
- 7. Rest in grace.*

- 1. Futility disguised as service.*
- 2. Comfort that becomes central.*
- 3. Comparing ourselves to others.*

The Finish Line and the _____

(2 Timothy 4:7–8) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. {8} Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Race Ends in _____