

Enduring in the Faith

Hebrews 12:1-2

Context: The Author of Hebrews presents Jesus as our great High Priest who is greater than the angels, the priesthood, and the Old Testament institutions. The reader is encouraged to hold on to Jesus above all things and to endure. In chapter 11, we read about the great heroes of the faith, leading us to our applications in chapters 12-13.

To endure in the faith...

- I. _____ the legacy of faith (vs. 1a)**
 - A. The “therefore” in this passage refers to all of the Biblical heroes in the Hall of Faith chapter preceding it - Hebrews 11.
 - B. Motivation for running “the race” is not in the possibility of receiving praise from “observing” heavenly saints. Rather, the runner is inspired by the godly examples those saints set during their lives. (MacArthur Study Bible)

- II. _____ aside all sin (vs. 1b)**
 - A. “A marathon runner would collapse in the first mile if they set off with weights strapped to their ankles, legs, arms, and shoulders. Similarly, Christians, if they hope to run the full length of this long but glorious race, must put sin to death by looking to Jesus Christ.”
 - B. In the next section of Hebrews 12, the author of Hebrews addresses our ongoing battle with sin in great detail - telling us not to grow “weary or fainthearted” (vs. 3-17).

- III. _____ focused on Jesus (vs. 2)**
 - a. The entire “Hall of Faith” Chapter in Hebrews 11 leads us all the the greatest hero and example for all - Jesus Christ in Hebrews 12.
 - b. Jesus is the foundation and root of our faith and the finisher - he will bring us to a full and complete salvation. (See Philippians 1:6)