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We are to run the race of our
Christian life with endurance.



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“Therefore”

This section was started in Heb. 10:19-25

It includes Heb. 11-the FAITH chapter

- Able, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Rahab
- Too many to name



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“we also”

This is to compare us to those in the faith chapter.

- Heb. 11:39-49

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.



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Those saints didn't receive the full promise. (Not yet)

- Jesus had not come yet
- There were many to be added to heaven.
- They are not complete ("made perfect") without us!



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“since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses”

- All of those listed in the FAITH chapter
- All of the saints that have gone before
- Grandparents, parents
- Former pastors and teachers
- They’re all watching **you** run **your** race



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What are we to do, since they watch?

“let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,”

Mark 1: 16-20

16 Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- They left all to follow Jesus.



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What weighs you down and clings to (or ensnares) you?

- Money?
- Lust?
- Pride?
- Time? (too many other things to do?)

What could God accomplish through you if/when you lay aside these things?



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“let us run”

- You’ve got to get in the race.
- Run as if to win the race. I Cor. 9:24-27

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. 26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. 27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.”



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“with endurance”



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“the race that is set before us”

- God has a plan for your life-a race for you to run.
- Everyone’s race if uniquely designed for them by God.



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“looking to Jesus”

- Our focus should be on Jesus
- It should not be on other things



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“the founder and perfecter of our faith”

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



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- John 19:28-30 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), “I thirst.” 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



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“who for the joy that was set before
him”

What is this ‘JOY’?



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“endured the cross”



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“despising the shame”



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“and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- He is in the place of Power!
- There is no more powerful place to be.
- And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” Matthew 28:18



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“but they who wait for 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.”

Isaiah 40:31



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Luke 10:20 “Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Heb. 10:36 “For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.”