Finish the Race Set Before You

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Topic:

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Text; Hebrew 12:1-3

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Prayer

Dear God, we thank You for everyone gathered here today and those that will be joining us, we ask that You surround us with Your powerful, life-changing presence. We come before You as we meet and declare our dependence on You, be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Help us to receive Your words into our hearts, for we ask with thanks giving. Amen

Study

I'm not going to take much of our time. I pray that The Spirit of God will minister to us Himself. Amen.

Heb.12.1 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.

Heb.12.2 - We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven.

Heb.12.3 - Think about all he endured when sinful people did such terrible things to him, so that you don't become weary and give up.

I want us to study this bible passage very.

What is race?.

Race is competing with another or others to see who is the fastest at covering a set course or achieving an objective. I also noticed in this definition that every

race is for a purpose. Be it is the one the sprinters run or the one that our God has set before us, and there are different tactice for each race. But in our spiritual race, we can't employ earthly tactics. Our strategy to run the Christian race of faith is straight from The Bible. So let us see how to biblically run the Christian race. Somebody said "If Christians were putting into their spiritual walk the kind of discipline that athletes put into their chosen sport, the church would be pulsating with revival life." This tells us that there are things to do for us to get to our finish line. I also want us to understand that this is not a 100, 200 or 1500 meters race. It is a kind of marathon race that must be finished. From The Bible passage we read, We also notice that Apostle Paul exemplifies our service to God such as in a race, but this race is different from other races, because it does not talk about how fast you run or how slow you run, this race talks about how we are going to finish the race. This is all about our faithfulness in serving The Lord.

We will also see from the life of Prophet Jeremiah, he was used by God in Jerusalem to declare or preach The Word of God to the Israelite for 40 years, but no one believed his preaching. It shows how important our faithfulness to God is even though it seems that we do not prosper in the place where He placed us. Starting from when we got saved, God has set a race-track to every believer. I have my own race-track and you have your own race-track as well. This race-track is a race-track of service. We must run to that race. Actually, we are obligated by God to run on that race. We are going to run not because of our family, friends, pastor or anybody else but because it is a God-given race to us. The Lord will help us to run the race in Jesus name.

We should finish the race that God has set before us until He takes us up or until He comes again. We are not able to finish the race by our own. We can finish the God-given race by the God-given grace. Let me quickly share some few things that will help us to finish our race by God's grace.

l**. Putting off sins and weights.**

From verse 1 of our text. **Heb.12.1 -** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. Let us put off sin that

easily besets us or sin that we easily commit. Apostle Paul says, "sin that easily beset us" It's because he wants us to know that every sin we commit is not because we are tempted by the devil, but because we have choosen to sin. Let us put off every weight. We all know that sin is what hinders us from serving The Lord, but I want you to know that there are other things that may hinder us from running the race that God has given to us. There are things in our Christian walk that will weigh us down. The Greek word for weight is whatever is prominent, extra mass, a burden and something that encumbers us. Is there something slowing you down? Are you clinging to something that you can cast along to the side of the road to quicken your pace? The Lord will help us to submit to Him in totality in Jesus name.

2. **Having Patience in a race that is Set.**

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us in v. 1. until when the race is going to finish and how long it is. Since The Lord is the one who sets the race for us, we really do not know how long we will run the race only God knows. That's why the most important thing we should have in order to finish the race is patience or endurance. Let us keep on running whatever we encounter in the way, If you love the Lord and His word then we are able to endure. The book of **Galatians 6:9** says " And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not

It is the same way in the Christian life. If we are to finish our course victoriously, we will have to overcome some adversities. Brethren, there will be people-problems to overcome. They are always in the ministry, People will turn their back on you, turn against you, attack you, disappoint you, hurt your feelings, There will be afflictions to overcome. The phase "**endure afflictions**" means "**to undergo hardship.**" There are going to be some hurts and some scrapes and bruises spiritually. Sincerely there won't just be a smooth railing sir and ma.

3. Pointing your eyes toward the Saviour. verse 2 of our text says " Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Let our eyes be fixed on Jesus. We can only run the race if we look to Him and our eyes locked on to Him. He is our focus. If our eyes are not focused on the Lord then we will be discouraged until our spiritual life becomes dry. Look at Asaph in **Psalms 73:2-3**, he was

discouraged and almost turned back from The Lord, because his eyes was focused on the world and not on The Lord. You remember Demas too in **2 Timothy 4.10** KJV: For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. The reason why Apostle Paul told us to look unto Jesus is because as humans it usual for us to look at the things that are not good. Who are you looking upto in faith? People will disappoint you, but Jesus will never let you down. Are you constantly looking at other runners and trying to catch up to them? Do you compare yourself with others? Have you ever heard of a pacesetter? A pacesetter is one who runs next to you, sets your pace, so you don't exhaust yourself before you have time to complete your race. They are those that starts big and end up being sidelined because they used up all of their energy before the finished line. Sad to say, it's usually the ones that we are trying to keep up with or compare ourselves with. Jesus is our pacesetter. Don't get ahead of Him and keep your eyes on Him. The love of the world will disqualify you and I in the race.

4**. Pondering Christ's suffering.**

From that verse 3. It says "For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." The word "**ponder"** means "**to think about"** Let us think of what Christ did for us. He was betrayed by one of His own disciples. He was mocked and beaten by many. His own people cried out against Him, "crucified Him!" Let us think about what The Lord has done. He did it for us so that we can have eternal life. **Romans 8:17**

Rom.8.17 - And since we are his children, we will share his treasures--for everything God gives to his Son, Jesus Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share His glory, we must also share His suffering. It is so easy to fall in love with the world. The world promises pleasure and fun. It doesn't deliver. Somebody said what the wold promised us looks like seing a beautiful, multi-colored stick laying on the ground, It has amazing colored patterns on it and you think, "Wow. How beautiful. That is so unusual." You got to pick it up and realize it is a poisonous snake. The world is poisonous sir. Let us focus on God and he will lead us home in Jesus name.

Prayer

Gracious Father, we have come to the end of this meeting, and we thank You Lord Jesus and our Good Shepherd for teaching us Your ways, help us to listen to Your voice and follow You wherever You are leading us. Father, help us that we may walk according to Your Word that has been spoken to us today that we may run the race successfully to the end. Thank You king of Glory for in Jesus Mighty name, amen.

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