

“Consider Jesus”
Hebrews 12:1-3

We Are to Run the Race Set Before Us:

- Not necessarily the one we choose
- Not in competition with others – Heb 12:1

Two Key Components in the Race:

- Endurance: we never learn to endure until we feel like quitting
- Joy: the witness of God upon the poured out life! – Heb 12:2

We Are to Maintain the Eternal Perspective – Jo 5:30; 6:38; 8:29

- Only Jesus can be Jesus!
- We are to fix our focus on Jesus in all things – Heb 12:2,3

Two Requirements for Running Well:

- Put off, lay aside...
 - ... “the sin which entangles us”: self-centeredness/absorption – Heb 12:1
 - ... “every encumbrance”: erroneous beliefs – Heb 12:1
- Put on, have on...
 - ... the lens of faith – II Cor 5:7
 - ...gives us a “see through” capacity – II Cor 2:14; Rom 8:28-29; Gen 50:20

Jesus’ Joy Was the Joy of Self-Surrender – Jo 15:11

- When we are focused on Him, “the joy of the Lord becomes our strength” – Neh 8:10