

Consider Jesus: Resources for the Race (Part 3)
Hebrews 12:12-29

Resource #1: The Living Illustration of Jesus Christ (not as model or motive, but as the means)
- Heb 12:1-3

Resource #2: The Unending Love of Our Heavenly Father (distresses meant to be instructive)
- Heb 12:4-12

Resource #3: The Restorative Power of the Body of Christ – Heb 12:12-14

Distressing Times Are Not the Time to Hide, Isolate Ourselves – Heb 12:12-14

- “Wellness” and “Holy-Making” occur in the context of community/family - Heb 12:13
 - ...pretense may be the deadliest sin in the church – Acts 4:36-5:11
 - ...we are made to share life together – Acts 19:18
- To endure:
 - ...Always be honest with God and yourself – Ps 139:23
 - ...Be ready to open up to a few trusted others – Ja 5:13-16
 - ...Trust another to help you listen for the truth - Eph 4:15,25

Resource #4: The Energizing Grace of God – Heb 12:15

- Grace is the divine supply of God for human need – Eph 2:8-10
 - ...God doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves – II Cor 12:8-10
 - ...lest legitimate pain harden into illegitimate bitterness – Heb 12:15
- To endure:
 - ...run the race by the spirit not in the flesh – Ro 8:5-7
 - ...avoid the Esau syndrome – Heb 12:16-17
 - ...live for eternity, not the moment; for the spiritual, not the sensory; for others, not yourself – Gen 25:27-34

Resource #5: The Eternally Unshakeable Kingdom – Heb 12:18-29

- Pay more attention to the unseen than the seen – II Cor 4:16-18
 - ...in life’s “seismic” moments, foundations/focus are revealed – Matt 7:24-27; Heb 12:26-28
 - ...the unshakeable kingdom of God is wherever the King is – Heb 13:5,8; Lk 17:21
- To endure:
 - ...learn to give thanks for God’s unshakeable gifts – Heb 12:27-28
 - ...learn to stay at home in the holy constants of God – Is 43:1-2; 45:3; 54:10,17
 - ...learn to worship with reverence and awe the One who never changes – Heb 12:28; Ja 1:17