

THE RACE AND THE GOAL

Hebrews 12:1-2

Favorite Bible Passages #7

Sanctuary Fellowship, 7.23-24.16

"This is one of the great, moving passages of the New Testament; and in it the writer to the Hebrews has given to us a well-nigh perfect summary of the Christian life." **William Barclay**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2 NIV

1. In the Christian life we have a **goal**.
Let us keep our gaze fixed on Jesus.
2. In the Christian life we have an **inspiration**.
We have so great a cloud of witnesses enveloping us.
3. In the Christian life we have a **handicap**.
Let us strip off every weight, and let us rid ourselves of the sin which so persistently surrounds us.
4. In the Christian life we have a **way**.
Let us run with steadfast endurance the course that is marked out for us.
5. In the Christian life we have an **example**.
Jesus steadfastly endured the cross in order to win the joy that was set before him.
6. In the Christian life we have a **presence**.
Jesus has now taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.