

Running the Race of the Christian Faith – Keep Running
Hebrews 12:1-2

Introduction:

1. Track and Field Day in grade school.
2. Today we run the race of the Christian faith and we must keep running.

Discussion: (Reasons why we should keep running)

- I. Keep running for the Great Cloud of Witnesses
 - A. We have many who have passed from this life that have already run this same race – the cloud (Heb. 11).
 - B. Who are these witnesses? – consider Hebrews 11.
- II. Keep running by making preparation.
 - A. Let us lay aside every weight.
 - B. Let us lay aside sin which so easily besets us.
- III. Keep running with patience.
 - A. We need to run with endurance.
 - B. We need to fix our eyes on Jesus.
 1. Heb. 12:2
 2. Consider Heb. 11:26-27
- IV. Keep running for the prize.
 - A. Jesus is our prize!
 - B. The author and perfecter of the faith.
 - C. Who for the JOY....
 1. Joy of being with the Father again.
 2. Joy of redeeming mankind.
 - D. Sitting on the right hand of God with authority (I Cor. 15:24-28).

Conclusion:

1. Let us run the race with a full effort always looking to Jesus.
2. Jesus serves as an example and as our prize at life's end.

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