

The Triumphant Life

Building Endurance

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"Thank God that He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57 ^{GW}

Hebrews 11:35-40 ^{NLT} – "But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection. Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons. Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated. They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground. All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised. For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us."

3 TRUTHS:

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.

Hebrews 12:1-4 ^{NLT} – "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 trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin."

NOTES:

Endurance Builders from Hebrews 12

1. There are _____ to the race we are in.
"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith..."
2. Eliminate the things _____.
"Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up."

WEIGHT: _____.

SIN: _____.

James 4:17 ^{TLB} – "Remember, that knowing what is right to do and then not doing it is sin."

3. Run the race _____, not for others.
"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."
4. Focus on _____, not my _____.
"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."

Jonah 2:7 ^{TLB} – "When I had lost all hope, I turned my thoughts once more to the Lord. And my earnest prayer went to you."

5. Push through the _____ and claim the _____.
Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Galatians 6:9 ^{TLB} – "Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up."

Ecclesiastes 3:1 ^{NIV} – "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

What have you started that you need to finish?
