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## 1. THE MISSIONS OF OUR RUNNING

Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)-<u>Therefore</u>, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and <u>let us run with endurance the race that is set</u> <u>before us</u>,

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)-For we are his workmanship, <u>created in Christ</u> <u>Jesus for good works</u>, <u>which God prepared beforehand</u>, that we should walk in them.

Philippians 3:14 (ESV)- <u>I press on toward the goal</u> for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Isaiah 43:7 (ESV)- everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

John 21:21-22 (ESV)- When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!"

### 2. THE <u>MODELS</u> OF OUR RUNNING FELLOW BELIEVERS

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#### JESUS

Hebrews 12:3 (ESV)-<u>Consider him who endured from sinners such</u> <u>hostility against himself</u>, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

# 3. THE MEANS OF OUR RUNNING

#### LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)-Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, <u>let us also lay aside every weight</u>, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)- For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to <u>renounce</u> ungodliness and <u>worldly passions</u>, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

### LAY ASIDE EVERY SIN

Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)-Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, <u>let us also lay aside every</u> weight, and <u>sin</u> which <u>clings so closely</u>, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV84)- Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the <u>sin that so easily entangles</u>, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

### 4. THE MOTIVATION OF OUR RUNNING

Hebrews 12:2-3 (ESV)-<u>Looking to Jesus</u>, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <u>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself</u>, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

"Are the things you are living for worth Christ dying for?" -Leonard Ravenhill

**<u>Here is The Point:</u>** Do not let anything get in the way of the purpose that God put you on this planet to fulfill!