

Question to Consider: Have we built our spiritual lives to last?

Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV)

Therefore, 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 let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, 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.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

1. Don't grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:3).

Hebrews 10:31

But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

2. Run the race with endurance (Hebrews 12:2).

- We are like runners on a relay team.
- We've been handed the baton by those who went before us by faith.
- We will pass the baton to the next generation by faith.

3. Remember the cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1).

- Abraham: stepping into the unknown (Hebrews 11:8)
- Moses: rejecting the pleasures of Egypt (Hebrews 11:24-26)
- Rahab: Welcoming God's story (Hebrews 11:31)

4. Look to Jesus (Hebrews 12:2).

- On the cross Jesus became the founder of our faith
- On his throne Jesus will become the finisher of our faith