

Bible Study 01-08-2025

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

"Run Until You Finish"

Hebrews 12

1 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off (Lay aside) 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 (Author and Finisher) 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.*

3 *Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

In 2025 let us hit the ground running. Accelerate and press forward. Make a declaration and resolve to finish your life's assignment well. To run the Christian marathon: get into shape and remain. That is, self-discipline. Prioritize and be consistent. Be intentional in your efforts. Whatever you do, don't leave God out. Life is about Him. You cannot run by faith until you submit your will to His will. (Jeremiah 29:11) God is the Sovereign One who sets the course for each of us, just as He set the course of the cross for His Son. Now, let us refresh, reset, renew and finish well.

Why is your work so important?

John 6

28 *Then they asked Him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"*

29 *Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent."*

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

18 *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Every believer in Christ has a part in the Great Commission: Exalt God by helping others. No matter where we are, we should be witnesses for our Lord and seek daily to win others to Him.

John 9

4 *I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

God chose us to proclaim the good news. When we understand who Jesus Christ is and believe in Him, God will give us opportunities to witness and share Him to others.

Psalm 90 KJV

12 *So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

Apart from God, life is futile. (**John 15**) One day we will present our finished assignment to God. He has entrusted certain gifts and abilities to you to manage and build His kingdom. Life has purpose, meaning and value.

Proverbs 9:11 NLT Wisdom will multiply your days and add years to your life. (Live life wisely.)

Colossians 3 NKJV

12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering,

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another, even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. **14** But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

1 Corinthians 16 NIV and MSG

14 Do everything in love. **MSG** Keep your eyes open, hold tight to your convictions, give it all you've got, be resolute, and love without stopping.

Colossians 3 KJV

23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Song by Rance Allen "I get joy when I think about what He's done for me...He saved me, He changed me, He healed me and He filled me..."

Romans 8:38-39 NIV

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39 Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 3 KJV

18 *But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.*

Grace empowers and enables us to do and be, what we cannot accomplish on our own.

Song: "**God's Grace**" by Rev. Luther Barnes

How did I make it all these years? How did I make it this far-through the valleys and over the hills? I know it had to be God!...If you want to know just how I got here, it's so easy to explain: It was God's Grace!