

Run with Endurance

Hebrews 12:1

(series #32)

Intro: the athletic imagery used for the Christian life

- 1st Corinthians 9:24-27
- Philippians 3:7-14
- 1st Timothy 6:10-12
- 2nd Timothy 2:2-6; 4:7-8

I. The “so great a cloud of witnesses” v. 1a

- The examples of faithful endurance in chapter 11

II. The laying aside of hindrances v. 1b

A. Every weight

1. Non-sinful things that hinder us
2. One example is unnecessary guilt

B. The sin which ensnares us

1. The example of bitterness
2. The example of lust
3. The example of envy
4. The example of anger
5. The example of greed

III. The difficulty of the race

- A. It takes endurance (mentioned 10X in Heb.)

- B. It is an agony; it's not a sprint

Conclusion: our strength - “looking unto Jesus” v. 2a