Revive us again – Heb. 12: 2-3

**Focal Truth: Believers faithfully endure when they consider Jesus!**

Are you about to give up in these days of disruption & uncertainty?

Have you discovered the secret to maintaining your faith in God?

What hinders you the most in your faith in God?

**Observations**

1. **Believers are in an endurance race of faith – 12:1**

*Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every*

*encumbrance & the sin which so easily entangles us, & run with endurance the race that is*

*set before us…*

1. Running with endurance requires us to set aside sinful hinderances that weight us down
2. The endurance race of faith requires endurance

Endurance running is distance running

Endurance running is well conditioned running

Endurance running is well trained running

1. The endurance race of faith is a course set before us – a course of following Jesus in faith &obedience
2. **The Lord Jesus Christ is the object in the endurance race of faith – 12:2**

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of faith, who for the joy set before Him*

*endured the cross, despising the shame, &has set down at the right hand of the throne of God*

1. Endure in the race by turning our minds away from other things to focus on Jesus
2. Endure in the race perfects our faith
3. Endure in the race by following our Leader the Lord Jesus who finished the race ahead of us

He completed the race by perfect faith &obedience to God

He completed the race focused on the joy of exaltation that was coming after suffering

He completed the race enduring the cross

He completed the race despising shame associated with suffering

He completed the race enthroned in glory as Lord over all!

1. **The Lord Jesus Christ is the example in the endurance race of faith – 12:3**

*For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary*

*and lose heart – Consider = to calculate or compare financial term*

1. In your race of faith compare Christ Jesus endurance to your endurance
2. In your race of faith compare Christ Jesus faithfulness to God to your faithfulness to God
3. In your race of faith compare Christ Jesus meekness to your meekness
4. In your race of faith compare Christ Jesus patience to your patience
5. Thinking deeply about Christ’s endurance will protect you from spiritual weariness & fatigue

Weariness – exhaustion from the difficulties of the race

Fatigue – quitting the race or giving up in the race

**Things to remember**

1. Every race has hinderances
2. Expect & prepare for hinderances in the race of faith
3. The joy of the finish line gives endurance in the race
4. The Lord Jesus finished the race with endurance, we must finish with endurance
5. Nothing but faith in Jesus Christ keeps the soul calm, restful, patient in the race

**Daily Use**

1. Put aside the things that are hindering you in the race of faith
2. Look to Jesus the one who finished the enduring race of faith
3. Consider the Lord Jesus example of endurance in the race of faith
4. Accept the discipline God in the race of faith – it produces endurance! – Heb. 12:7

Heb. 12:3 – for consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart