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Hebrews 12:1, “...let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”

There are many different kind of races which we all are involved in during our lives on this earth. These races are mostly endurance races, not ones where we will receive a trophy when our race is over. However, there is a prize to be won. The Apostle Paul said, “**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**” (Philippians 3:14). We are called to be good disciples of Christ, doing in our lives that which pleases Him as we run with patience.

One must realize that Heaven is not won by any race we run as it is an inheritance, NOT a reward. However, it seems that many are misled concerning the race spoken of in Hebrews 12:1. We must remember that the “**race is not to the swift...**” (Ecclesiastes 9:11). If the goal and prize at the end of the race was Heaven, then eternal life would be by what we do or accomplish and not by the grace of God.

Hebrews 12:2 tells us who it is we are to be looking unto as we run this earthly race of our lives. It is none other than “**Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**”. As we go through life, we need someone to give us encouragement, someone to give us strength to endure, someone to have compassion on us as we grow weary, someone to forgive us and help us up when we fall. Our Saviour is the only one that cares who is able and willing to do so.

We must be careful not to take our eyes off of Jesus, “...**lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds**” (Hebrews 12:3). Life is not easy! Let us this day, pick ourselves up if need be, shake off the dust, and run our race of life with patience, as we “**sorrow not, even as others which have no hope**” (I Thessalonians 4:13).

Now, go run your race of life, have on the proper armor needed to fight any battles along the way, take a water bottle filled with the Spirit of God, and go patiently, never taking yours eyes off Jesus, “**the author and finisher of our faith.**”

**“Think About It!”**