

# Keep Running the Race of Faith (Hebrews 12:1-2)

## Introduction

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.”*

[2 Timothy 4:7-8](#)



# 1. Learn from the Testimonies of the Saints (Hebrews 12:1)

**12:1** *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”*

**A. "Great cloud of witnesses"**



**B.** *“let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles” (Heb.12:1b). (“Let us lay aside every weight” –KJV)*

**C.** *“and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us” (Heb.12:1d)*



**A.W. Tozer** said, *“I have often wished that there were some way to bring modern Christians into a deeper spiritual life painlessly by short easy lessons; but such wishes are vain. No shortcut exists! ... the man who would know God must give time to Him! He must count no time wasted which is spent in the cultivation of His acquaintance.”*

*“the race marked out for us”* (Heb. 12:1d)



## 2. Look at the Example of Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)

<sup>2</sup> Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who 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.

A. “**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith” (Heb. 12:2a)

B. “**the author and perfecter of our faith**”  
 (“author and finisher of our faith” – KJV)  
(Heb. 12:2b)



## Oliver Cromwell's secretary

Servant: *“What is wrong, Sir? Why can you not sleep?”*

Secretary: *“I’m worried! I’m worrying about this mission that I’m going to go on, whether it will go well and whether we’ll get what we’re looking for.”*

Servant: *“Listen, Sir, did God rule the world before we were born?”*

Secretary: *“Of course He did.”*

Servant: *“Well, will God rule after we are dead?”*

Secretary: *“Of course He will.”*

Servant: *“Then Master, why not let Him rule the present too?”*



## The Suffering He Endured

**C.** *“who for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame”*(**Heb.12:2c**)

## The position He earned

**D.** *“and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*(**Heb.12:2d**)



# Conclusion

**Hebrews 12:1-2** tells us to run with perseverance the race that is marked out for us.

We have the testimonies of the saints who have gone before us.

We have the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have the promise of coming glory when we finish our earthly course.

