

## **“The Race”**

### **Hebrews 12:1-2**

1. The Spectators of the race (vs. 1)
  - “...we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses...”
  - The Friendly: family, friends, supporters, those who are in Heaven
  - The Foe: our enemies, critics
  - The Focus: Christ (John 3:30 & 2 Chronicles 16:9)
  - What kind of race do they see us run?
  
2. The Preparation for the race (vs. 1)
  - “...let us lay aside EVERY weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us...”
  - weights can be good things but do they keep us from running a race that glorifies God?
  - Ephesians 4:25-32 "putting away"
  - 1 Peter 2:1-3 You can't run unless you qualify.
  
3. The Running of the race (vs. 1)
  - “...let us run with patience the race that is set before us.”
  - James 1:3-5 “patience”
  - Jeremiah 29:11 God knows the details of your race.
  - Are you running towards what God has prepared for you?
  
4. The Goal of the race (vs. 2)
  - “Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...”
  - Philippians 3:7-14 Is Christ glorified in how you are running your race thus far?

**Pep Talk: Why do we run the race? The rest of verse 2.**

**Sometimes we feel abandoned, forsaken, mistreated, misunderstood and all alone, but our focus must be on Christ. He knows what we will face. Don't Quit!!!**