

**HOW CAN WE RUN THE RACE OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE VICTORIOUSLY?  
ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TRUE BELIEVERS  
HEBREWS 12:1-3**

- I. **REALIZE GOD DETERMINES THE COURSE NOT US:** It is “the race that is set before us” (1)
  
- II. **BE ENCOURAGED BY THE TESTIMONY OF PREVIOUS VICTORS:** They believed and thus they endured (1a)
  
- III. **OBEY HIS COMMANDS CONCERNING HOW TO RUN (1-3)**
  - A. **RUN UNHINDERED... (1b)**
    - 1. Laying aside everything that encumbers you
  
    - 2. Laying aside the sin of unbelief
  
  - B. **RUN WITH ENDURANCE, realizing the race characterized by endurance (1c)**
  
  - C. **RUN WITH FOCUS ON JESUS ALONE, so you won't grow weary and loose heart (2-3)**
    - 1. Understand He gives and perfects our faith (2a)
  
    - 2. Realize He is our perfect example (2b)
  
    - 3. Thus consider Him, so that you do not get discouraged and give up (3)