

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

- I. **RUN the right race, RECALLING THE TESTIMONY OF PREVIOUS VICTORS:** They believed, thus obeyed and they endured (1)

- II. **RUN WITH FAITH, setting aside obstacles to trusting in Jesus and believing His Word and confess the sin of unbelief that so easily entangles (1b)**
 - A. Lay aside everything that encumbers you from believing Him and His Word

 - B. Lay aside the sin of unbelief in Him and His Word

- III. **RUN WITH ENDURANCE:** Let genuine faith produce endurance (1c)

- IV. **RUN WITH FOCUS ON JESUS ALONE, CONSIDERING JESUS and His work on the cross so that you will not grow weary and loose heart (2-3)**
 - A. **Fix your eyes on Jesus: He embodies what genuine faith and endurance looks like start to finish (2)**
 - a) He is the author and finisher of faith (2a)

 - b) He endured the cross for the prize (our redemption for His glory), completing the race victoriously (2b)

 - B. **Therefore, consider Jesus, so that we will not be discouraged and give up:** When we trust Him, we will be victorious also (3)