Let US Run! (Hebrews 12:1-13)



EXAMPLE ... Showing us **how** to have faith

INSPIRATION ... Showing us that we can have faith

FAITH IS A RACE

Only one <u>option</u> for hinderances

Only one goal for the mind

Let us fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured THE CROSS, scorning its shame, and set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him... (Hebrews 12:2) (NIV)

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a death of shame ON THE CROSS because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in highest honor beside God's throne in heaven. Think about him... (Hebrews 12:2) (NLT)

The Marathon of Calvary

- runner = <u>Jesus</u>
- qualification = <u>successfully</u> ran an <u>impossible</u> course
- conditions = <u>embarrassing</u>
- reward = sat down beside <u>God's</u><u>throne</u>
- trophy = <u>PIONEER</u>
 and <u>PERFECTER</u> of FAITH

(HARDSHIP)

Offended by its presence?



Encouraged by its possibilities?

HARDSHIP is God's <u>discipline</u> (not God's punishment)

It is not meant for pleasure or persecution, but for making us **tough**.







The RACE OF FAITH is **not about** "fast," but about "finish."

If you are not running because you do not feel qualified... Good news! God can reverse and heal all past disqualifications! So... RUN!