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HEBREWS

Hebrews 11:39 - 12:3 "Looking to Jesus" (part 2)



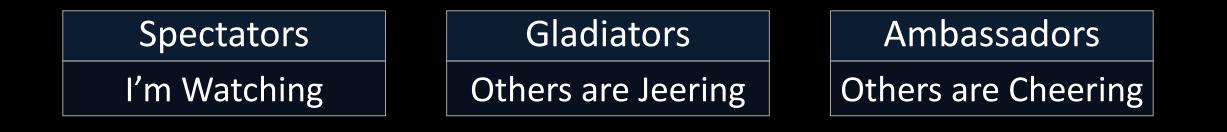
Hebrews 11:39 – 12:2

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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The Race We Run





Running MY Race

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Man in Arena

- Running with Vision
- Running with Endurance
 - Running with Victory

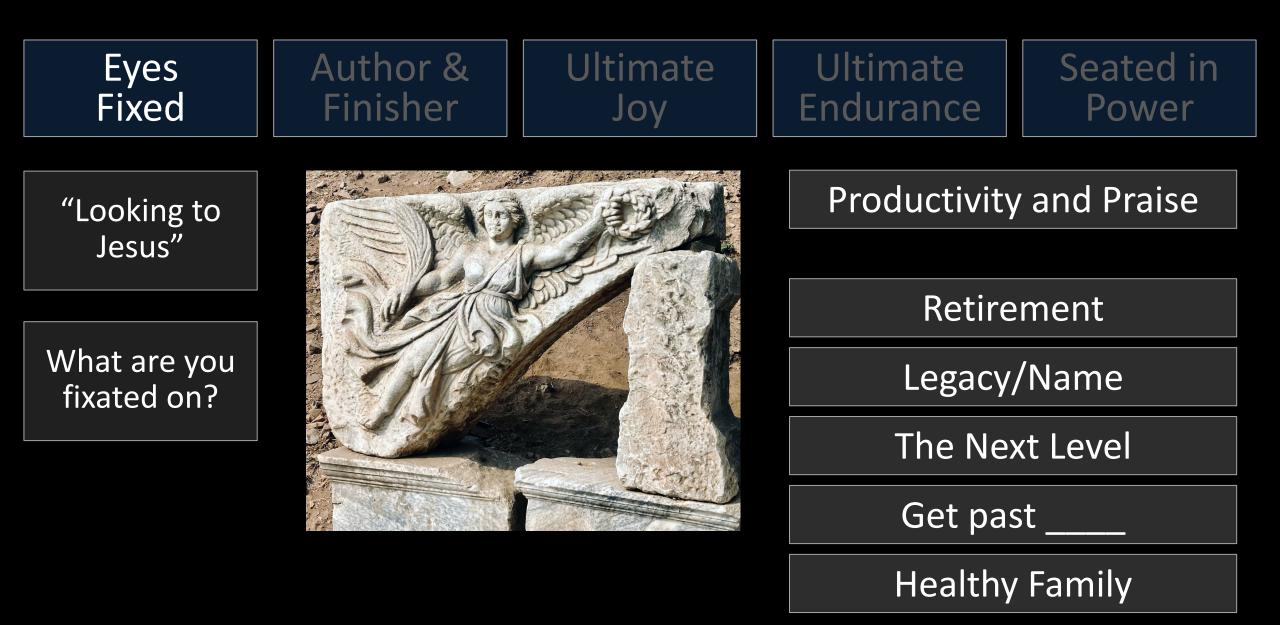


The winged goddess NIKE in Ephesus : the goddess of victory, 2nd century AD.



"Looking to Jesus"

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Where we fix our eyes will determine the way we live our lives.

Eyes Fixed	Author & Finisher	Ultimate Joy	е	Ultimate Endurance	Seated in Power
"Looking to Jesus"	"Founder and perfector of our faith"				
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Your effort matters AND It's not all about you

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You were the only thing Jesus didn't have in Heaven.

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Philippians 2:8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

This is how much he loves you, values you, honors you...not reluctantly but with outstretched arms.

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Acts 7:56

And (Stephen, while being martyred) said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

> Victorious & Finished: Active & Powerful

Running With Endurance

"let us run with endurance"

Endurance, steadfastness, constancy, patience

12:1 - "Run with endurance"12:2 - "(Jesus) endured the cross"12:3 - "(Jesus) who has endured"

2 Corinthians 4:17

For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we *look* not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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SPARTAN

Running With Victory

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Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Jude 1:24

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Running With Victory

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2 Kings 6:15

When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

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HELP 2

My Race

Everyone is running a Race:

We are invited into Christ's Race ("Agon")

One Step at a Time lt's All About Jesus

The Race Has Been Won

Benediction

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Please join us up front after worship if you'd like for us to pray with you