

**FULFILLED  
IN CHRIST**

**H** THE BOOK OF  
**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, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup> 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

Spectators

I'm Watching

Gladiators

Others are Jeering

Ambassadors

Others are Cheering

Stadium



Sabastion



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Sound / Gladiator  
VIDEO

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GUMP HOPE

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**Weight:**

*What  
hinders me  
or slows  
me down?*

**Sin:**

*Running  
my own  
path in my  
own way*



VIDEO

Man in Arena

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

# Running with Vision



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

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Productivity and Praise

Retirement

Legacy/Name

The Next Level

Get past \_\_\_\_\_

Healthy Family

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*Where we fix our eyes  
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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, <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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.

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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?" <sup>16</sup> 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

It'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