

Focus on the Race

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Series: FINISH!

Bible text: [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

Review:

- Focus on **time**
- Focus on **our growth and His glory**

Read [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)

I. THE CROWD BEHIND US

The writer of Hebrews tells of people who have run the race that really matters

- Moses, Jacob, Sarah, Rahab, Joseph

They are the crowd that ran behind us – and **finished**.

II. THE CHALLENGE WITHIN US

Read [Hebrews 12:1](#)

A. Distraction

“Lay aside the weight”

Distractions come in all shapes and sizes

“Looking unto Jesus”

B. Destruction

“The sin that does so easily beset us”

Sin fascinates – then assassinates. Sin thrills – then kills.

Read [Romans 13:13-14](#)

III. THE COURSE BEFORE US

Read [Psalm 15](#)

A. Pillars

1. Self-honesty

2. Uprightness and honor
3. Financial carefulness
4. Short accounts
5. Temperance
6. Transparency

B. Perspective

Disillusionment or disenchantment can derail us from the Christian race

Read [Psalm 72:2-3](#)

The example of **Asaph**

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy." – Winston Churchill

"I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." – The apostle Paul ([1 Cor 9:26-27](#))

ARE YOU ON TARGET TO FINISH THE RACE?

Imagine the tears in heaven over lost rewards – because people lost focus of the race.