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EYES ON JESUS

I. THE RUNNERS: The Christians to whom the book was written. To run well, they must:

- A. Pay close attention to what they had heard so they don't drift away from Christ.
- B. EXHORT one another daily so no one falls away from Christ in rebellion, sin, and unbelief.
- C. Hold fast to Christian DOCTRINES so they are not led away by false teaching.

II. THE SPECTATORS: The faithful saints of the old covenant.

- A. Counted RIGHTEOUS because of their faith. (Hebrews 11:1-3)
- B. Declared the faithfulness of God.

III. RUNNING WELL: Four instructions from their pastor.

- A. They must lay aside every WEIGHT and sin.
- B. Runners don't CHOOSE the course; it is set before them.

C. Look only to Jesus.

D. Endure. God confirms SONSHIP through HARDSHIP.

IV. CONCLUSION: We look to Jesus, the radiance of the glory of God, the exact imprint of His nature, and our forerunner in the life of faith toward God so that we will:

- A. Follow His example of endurance, not counting shame or suffering as worthy of our attention.
- B. Find grace and help when we are tempted, grow weary, or lose courage.
- C. Win the prize: Fully redeemed and living in God's presence forever in a restored heaven and earth where things are as they ought to be.

V. WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

What have you assimilated into your life because of living in a decidedly anti-Christian culture that is distracting you, so you drift away from the truth without noticing?

Are you trusting God, counting it all joy to receive discipline and reproof from him so that you don't fall away from Christ into unbelief?

Do you think deeply and constantly about Jesus and his word so that you cannot be led away from Christ?



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