The Better Choice

Jesus Christ

Encouragement From The Book of Hebrews

Jesus Christ: The Better Choice

- A better messenger
- Better than Adam
- Better than the angels
- Better than Moses
- A better rest
- A better high priest
- A better priesthood
- A better covenant
- A better tabernacle
- A better sacrifice
- A better way of living
- A better faith
- A better kingdom



THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Hebrews 12:1-3

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.”

RUN THE RACE



- Lose the weight
- Shed the sin
- Focus on Jesus
- Consider the endurance of Jesus
- Run the Race

LOSE the WEIGHT



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❑ Needless guilt

"let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*"
Hebrews 10:22

LOSE the WEIGHT

- Needless guilt
- Painful past

"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,"*

Philippians 3:13

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SHED the SIN



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❑ Spiritual neglect

"how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? "

Hebrews 2:3

SHED the SIN

- Spiritual neglect
- Spiritual sclerosis (unbelief)

"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."*

Hebrews 3:13

SHED the SIN

- Spiritual neglect
- Spiritual sclerosis (unbelief)
- Spiritual stagnation

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food."
Hebrews 5:12

SHED the SIN

- Spiritual neglect
- Spiritual sclerosis (unbelief)
- Spiritual stagnation (immaturity)
- Spiritual sluggishness

"that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."
Hebrews 6:12

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"fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." **Hebrews 12:2**

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How to Run the Race

❑ Vigilant and Viral faith

"Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through *following the same example of disobedience."* **Hebrews 4:11**

How to Run the Race

- Vigilant and Viral faith
- Mature in the faith

"Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity." **Hebrews 6:1a**

How to Run the Race

- Vigilant and Viral faith
- Mature in the faith
- Approach God confidently in Christ

"and since *we have a great priest over the house of God,* [22] *let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith."* **Hebrews 10:21-22a**

How to Run the Race

- Vigilant and Viral faith
- Mature in the faith
- Approach God confidently in Christ
- Hold on tight to a faithful God

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23

How to Run the Race

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- Mature in the faith
- Approach God confidently in Christ
- Hold on tight to a faithful God
- Persevere in the struggles

"Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised."

Hebrews 10:35-36

How to Run the Race

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- Mature in the faith
- Approach God confidently in Christ
- Hold on tight to a faithful God
- Persevere in the struggles
- Train in God's gymnasium

"All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

Hebrews 12:11

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- Live out your Christian worldview (13:5-14)

Run with Endurance

❑ HOLD ON to our HOPE

"but Christ *was faithful as a Son over His house whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end."* **Hebrews 3:6**

Run with Endurance

- HOLD ON to our HOPE
- HOLD ON until the end

"For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;"
Hebrews 3:14

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- HOLD ON to our HOPE
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- HOLD ON to our HOPE
- HOLD ON until the end
- HOLD ON without wavering
- Endurance to do the will of God
- Endure as SEEING the Invisible God

"By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen.."

Hebrews 11:27

HEBREWS – We HAVE so much

- We have *Jesus – Our Great High Priest*
- *We have* Strong encouragement (6:18)
- We have *Hope as an Anchor of the soul (6:18-19)*
- We have *Confidence to enter the Holy of holies (10:19)*
- We have *a better and everlasting Possession (10:34)*
- We have *the Testimony of the Heroes of faith (12:1)*
- We have *a loving caring heavenly Father (12:5-7)*
- We have *an Immovable Kingdom (12:28)*

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