**Fixing Our Hearts on Jesus**

**Run with Endurance**

**Hebrews 12:1-2**

**Hebrews 10:35-36** *- Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.*

**Hebrews 10:39** *- But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul.*

**I. Be Encouraged by the Great Crowd of Witnesses that Cheer of God’s Faithfulness**

**Hebrews 12:1** *- Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us…*

**II. Lay Aside Everything that Hinders You From Running**

**Hebrews 12:1** *- …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…*

A. Every encumbrance

B. The sin which so easily entangles

**III. Fix Your Eyes on Jesus to Finish the Race**

**Hebrews 12:2** *- …fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith…*

A. The “Champion” of faith

**Hebrews 2:10** *- For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.*

**Hebrews 6:20** *- This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us.*

B. The Perfector of faith

**Hebrews 10:14** *- For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.*

C. Jesus endured the cross for the sake of the joy set before Him

**Hebrews 12:2** *- …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.*