

Running the Race with Perseverance - Chandler Sims 10/22 - Sermon Notes

Hebrews 12:1-2

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2 Corinthians 11:24-28

24 Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. **25** Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. **26** I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not.[c] **27** I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

28 Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of my concern for all the churches.

Acts 14:19-22 New Living Translation

19 Then some Jews arrived from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowds to their side. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of town, thinking he was dead. **20** But as the believers[a] gathered around him, he got up and went back into the town. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derby. **21** After preaching the Good News in Derby and making many disciples, Paul and Barnabas returned to where they had left. **22** where they strengthened the believers. They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.

1. Be encouraged

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2. Avoid the hindrances

3. Perseverance over perfection

4. Find your focus

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3 Rewards of keeping our eyes on Jesus

Transformation

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) – So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image

Joy in the Journey

Eternal Reward

James 1:12 New Living Translation

12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.