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<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup> We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

### What Kind of Legacy Will We Leave?

<sup>6</sup> For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. Psalm 112:6 (NRSV)

### Living Beyond Ourselves

<sup>30</sup> And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. <sup>31</sup> The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ passionately.

<sup>27</sup> God wanted them to look for him and perhaps search all around for him and find him, though he is not far from any of us: <sup>28</sup> 'We live in him. We walk in him. We are in him.'

Acts 17:27-28a (NCV)

<sup>4</sup> If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. <sup>5</sup> But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 1 John 2:4-5 (NLT)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ selflessly.

<sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. 1 Timothy 6:18-19 (NIV2011)

<sup>9</sup> They share freely and give generously to those in need. Their good deeds will be remembered forever. They will have influence and honor. Psalm 112:9 (NLT)

<sup>35</sup> Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. Mark 8:35 (MSG)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ intentionally

<sup>6</sup> Leave your impoverished confusion and *live!* Walk up the street to a life with meaning." Proverbs 9:6 (MSG)

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Begin a relationship with God by trusting Him with my past, present and future.
- Stop trying to live the Christian life in isolation.
- Commit to be a part of helping our church live beyond ourselves so that we can leave a legacy of faithfulness.
- Memorize and/or meditate on Proverbs 9:6