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## Run

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart. **Hebrews 12:1-3 (NRSV)**

The race will . . .

1. Require \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. <sup>3</sup> For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance [perseverance] has a chance to grow. <sup>4</sup> So let it grow, for when your endurance [perseverance] is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

**James 1:2-4 (NLT)**

2. Lead to your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>

perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Romans 5:3-5 (NIV11)**

So, Run to \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. <sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (NIV11)**

## My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Hebrews 12:1
- Decide to persevere through the trials of life, in order to win the prize.
- Believe that God will use the trails of my life to shape my character so that I may be complete in Him.
- Enter the race that leads to eternal life by receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.