

PART 2
Maintain Your
Spiritual Momentum

believe

STEPPING OUT, RISKING FAITH, EXPERIENCING GOD

“Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”

HEBREWS 11:6

[1] “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.

[2] 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. [3] Think of all the hostility and hardship he endured; then you won’t become weary and give up.”

HEBREWS 12:1-3



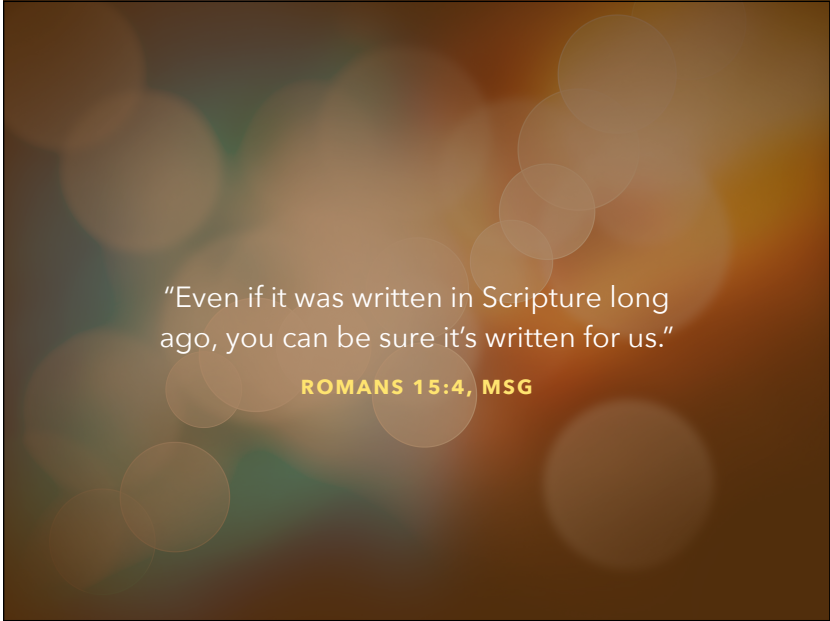
FAITH PRACTICES

1

Use as motivation those who've gone before you for what lies ahead of you.

"Since we're surrounded by this huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith..."

HEBREWS 12:1A



"Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can be sure it's written for us."

ROMANS 15:4, MSG





ASSIGNMENT:

Write the name of someone who inspires you to greater faithfulness and use their example each week in 2014 to motivate the pursuit of your spiritual goals

FAITH PRACTICES

2

Put off what pulls you down.

“Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress.”

HEBREWS 12:1B

Put off the unnecessary:

“The weight that slows us down.”

“As Christ’s soldier, don’t let yourself get tied up in worldly affairs. Then you can’t satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:4

Put off the ungodly:

“The sin that so easily trips us up.”

ASSIGNMENT:

Fill in the blank:

*“In order to finish well, I need to
let go of _____.”*

FAITH PRACTICES

3

Pre-determine to persevere.

*“Let us run with endurance the race
God has set before us.”*

HEBREWS 12:1C



Finishing is never accidental; it is a decision made in advance to complete what has begun.

ASSIGNMENT:

Fill in the blank:

*“The area where I suspect I will need to
persevere is _____.”*

FAITH PRACTICES

4

Fix your focus on the Great Finisher.

“Fix your eyes on Jesus... Then you won't get discouraged and give up.”

HEBREWS 12:2-3

An Unrelenting Fixation

“Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:4

ASSIGNMENT:

Write down the **#1 obstacle** in your faith journey. Next to it, in big letters, write “Jesus is greater”.



FAITH PRACTICES

5

Picture your prize.

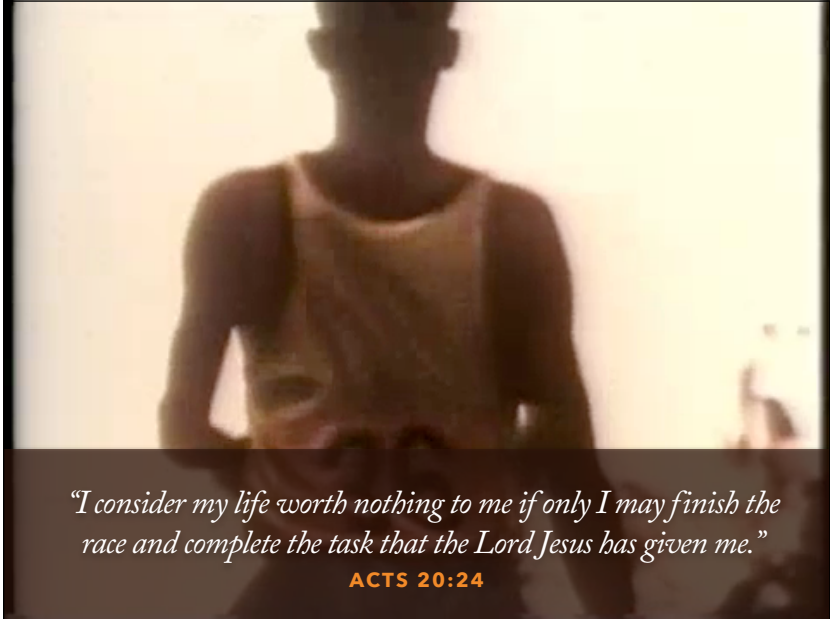
“Jesus was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterwards.”

HEBREWS 12:4

ASSIGNMENT:

Memorize **II Corinthians 4:17**

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”



“I consider my life worth nothing to me if only I may finish the race and complete the task that the Lord Jesus has given me.”

ACTS 20:24

**Run
Strong
&
Finish
Well!**

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