

THE RACE OF FAITH

Hebrews 12:1-3 // September 18, 2022

THE RACE THAT IS WORTH IT

Hebrews 11:1-40 // 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 // Philippians 3:7-12

Cloud of witnesses

There are witnesses throughout the Old and New Testament, and the whole history of the church that testify that there is something much greater about having Jesus than anything else of this world. They all testify to the value, power and blessing of life of faith, telling us that it is worth it.

Let us run with endurance the race set before us

Christian life isn't a jog along the beach, not even a sprint, but a life-long marathon that requires endurance. It starts at a conversion and ends with entrance into the glory as a finish line.

Lay aside every weight and sin

Sin isn't something we do once off. There is always a deep-rooted heart sin that drives our desires and actions, setting our eyes away from Jesus and onto ourselves. There are also things that aren't sinful, sometimes even good things, but they weigh us down and keep us back from running effectively.

HOW CAN WE FINISH THE RACE SET BEFORE US?

John 15:4-11 // Hebrews 4:14-16 // Romans 8:31-39

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith

Though we are called to obedience and perseverance, it is not by our strength that we are to run, but by his. Jesus saves us and daily gives us strength to keep on believing and trusting God in his promises.

For the joy

We are to look forward to and run for the joy. We can say "no" to sin and this world, and endure because of a superior joy of having Jesus. There is a joy in pouring yourself out so that others may find their joy in Christ.

Consider Jesus

When you get weary and lack courage or are afraid, consider Jesus who left his glory and endured suffering. "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Acts 7.17-41**. What stands out in this passage and from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How is God's grace shown in this story of Stephen relating the story of Moses? How does this story help you to deepen your faith in Him?

Your Life Mission

It is easy for sin to harden our hearts. When this happens, it even fogs our lenses up and makes us unwilling to share the Gospel. How do you need specific prayer for your heart as it pertains to your desire to share the Gospel with others?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself** (Matthew 6.9, 10)
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess** (Matthew 6.12)
 - Real repentance begins where blame-shifting stops. Your circumstances don't need to change, your heart needs to change. Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision** (Matthew 6.11-13)
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving** (Matthew 6.10)
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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