

The Race of Faith

Hebrews 11:1-12:3

What makes a true hero? _____

Hebrews 12:1-3 NIV

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

- I. Running the Race of Faith requires us to REMEMBER the hero's that have run before us.**

Hebrews 11:39-40 NIV

39 "These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40 God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."

- II. Running the Race of Faith requires us to REFOCUS on Christ.**

Fixing our eyes on Jesus is a good definition of what faith is. Faith is not focusing on what we see. Faith is seeing everything through the person and power of Jesus Christ.

- III. Running the Race of Faith requires us to RUN our leg of the race.**