

## Sermon Notes

Run the Race of Faith  
Hebrews 11:30-40

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**Faith in Jesus is a marathon race. The best way to run it is by focusing on Jesus and following Him one step at a time.**

Know that it is possible to finish race. Others who have run before you have done it. You can do it too!

It will be an easier race, if we get rid of the things that are distracting us and weighing us down.

The best path to run is the one that Jesus had marked out for us. We will exhaust ourselves if we try to blaze our own trail.

When you aren't sure where to go or if you can keep going fix your eyes on Jesus and take one more step toward Him.

Remembering what Jesus endured and gained can inspire us to endure and gain the joy that is promised to us.

## Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

*As always feel free to tweak, skip, or add questions to focus on areas you think most relevant to your group.*

1. When you go hiking are you a blaze your own trail or a stay on the marked path kind of person?
2. How is a witness who is watching with pressure different than a witness who is sharing their experience? How this this definition help us see what it means to be a witness to others?
3. What's one trial or obstacle that you are unique equipped to bring your witness of God's power to others who are struggling?
4. How can something be a good thing for others, but a hindrance to you as you follow Jesus? What are some examples?
5. What are some reasons why we hold on to sin even when we know it is holding us back from Jesus?
6. What are the dangers of going off roading while hiking? How do these translate to the spiritual realm?
7. What's one step that you can take toward Jesus in the next week?
8. How does the cross demonstrate the endurance of Jesus?
9. Read through the passage one more time, what phrase stands out most to you right now?