

## **MEN OF WHOM THE WORLD IS NOT WORTHY**

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Hebrews 12:1-3

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### **INTRODUCTION: DEDICATION**

True dedication is revealed only after it begins to cost you something.

Every Christian should understand that to follow Christ means we will suffer.

#### **1 Peter 2:21**

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps...

There is one verb given in Hebrews 12:1-2 and it is a command. It is the command you need to obey to live out your destiny as the modern version of those Old Testament heroes. The command is run.

Race:

Everyone who calls Christ his Lord is to run his hardest, to finish well, to persevere.

Strive:

? How hard should we run? The word for run is strive.

Endurance:

We are called to run with endurance. The word endurance is “remain.” We have to stick with it.

**Proposition:** God has called you to dedicate yourself to Christ so thoroughly that you will not shrink back when times get tough.

? How does a person run with endurance when it seems so costly or difficult at times?

## I. LAY ASIDE WHAT HINDERS

### A. LAY ASIDE EVERY IMPEDIMENT

## B. LAY ASIDE THE ENTANGLING SIN

“Entangling sin” refers to things in our path that might trip us up.

## II. FIX YOUR GAZE ON CHRIST

### A. HE IS THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH

#### **1 John 2:6**

the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

? How did He suffer?

### B. HE ENDURED THE CROSS

We, like Christ, are called to endure whatever this world throws at us. This is why Jesus said, “Take up your cross and follow me.”

? Why would anyone endure that kind of suffering?

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

## C. HE SAT AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

### **CONCLUSION: RUN WELL! RUN HARD!**

Your life, however short lived, however insignificant, can produce things of eternal consequence in ourselves and in others.

### **APPLICATION**

? How do we run the race well?

**To run the race well**

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**Fix your gaze on Christ**

**Endure Your Cross**

**Strive for the Joy**