

“FAITH: THE CONVICTION OF THINGS UNSEEN”

PART 10:

“FAITH’S ULTIMATE FOCUS”

“Don’t Lose Heart! Living by Faith to the Finish”

(Hebrews 12:1-3)

INTRODUCTION:

“Therefore,...let us run ...the race which is set before us...”

SO THEN, LET US RUN...

1A. ...WITH OUR LIVES _____ FROM _____.

*“...**lay aside every encumbrance** and the sin which so easily entangles us...” v. 1b*

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

*“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. **Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.**”*

—1 Corinthians 9:24-27

2A. ...WITH OUR CONFIDENCE _____ BY THE _____.

*“...since we have so **great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us...**” v. 1a*

3A. ...WITH OUR EYES _____ ON THE _____.

“...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith...” v. 2

4A. ...WITH OUR MINDS _____ ON HIS _____.

“For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” v. 3

5A. ...WITH OUR COMMITMENT _____ FROM THE _____.

“Therefore,...let us run with endurance the race which is set before us...” v. 1c

CONCLUSION:

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.”

—Acts 20:24

“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...”

—2 Timothy 4:7