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Title: The Focus, Fight and Fount of Faith

Text: Hebrews 12:1-2

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In our passage, the author of Hebrews encourages us to think over the life of faith, and teaches us how to live by faith.

Consider the focus of faith. (Hebrews 12:1, 11:1 & 11:16)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... ~ Hebrews 12:1

Thrive in the fight of faith.

... let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us... ~ Hebrews 12:1

Fix our eyes on the fount of faith. (Hebrews 12:2 & Romans 8:33-34)

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ~ Hebrews 12:2

Two additional things we see of Jesus when we fix our eyes on Him:

1) Jesus is the perfect example of faith. (Hebrews 12:2 & Psalms 16:11 & Acts 2:25-28)

... who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ~ Hebrews 12:2

2) Jesus is the reward of faith. (Hebrews 1:3 / Philippians 3:8 / Philippians 1:21)

Study Questions:

- 1) **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** Ask yourself if you know Jesus Christ, as your savior, who endured the cross for your sin, and is at the right hand of God interceding for you? If not, ask God to show you the truth about Jesus.
- 2) **Read Hebrews 11:1 and 11:6 again.** How does it help you to know the focus of faith as you think about how to live by faith?
- 3) **If you have time, read Hebrews 12:1 and then all of Hebrews 11.** What challenges you about the way you see the witnesses in Hebrews 11 live by faith?
- 4) **Read Hebrews 12:1 and James 5:16.** What weights and sins do you need to lay aside so you can run with endurance? Take time to confess those to others and have them pray for God's power to help you lay them aside.
- 5) **Read Hebrews 12:2.** In what ways do you need to fix your eyes on Jesus? What can you do to help that change? Invite others to share things they do to keep looking to Jesus.