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LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH

As Christians we have been given a measure of faith to receive grace from God. He is the one that gives us the faith and gives us the grace to grow and mature. We cannot do this on our own. He is with us every step of the way!

In Hebrews 12:1-2 it says, ***“¹Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith....”***

One thing that a person running a race doesn't do is look to the side as he or she is running because it will get them off track. Hebrews 11 is called the “Hall of Faith” chapter, where many heroes of faith pressed in and still died for their faith. We are told to lay aside all the things that hinder us in our race. Just as an athlete wears light clothing so the weight of heavy clothes does not weigh him down, we must also do the same.

The weights? Sin, doubt, unbelief, fear, bitterness, anger, and every other thing that holds us back. We must let go of them, and look to Jesus, who not only is the author, but He is also the finisher of our faith. He is the prize that we run towards. We keep our eyes on him and know that we will win the race he has called us to if we keep our eyes on him.

There are no side-view mirrors or rear-view mirrors with God. We must focus on what is ahead. We may not know all the details, but God does, and He will reveal them to us by Holy Spirit one step at a time. So, let go, and remember Philippians 1:6 which says, ***“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”***

So, put on your spiritual running shoes and get ready for the race of your life! The goal is right in front of you. Jesus is cheering for you to win!