

SERMON NOTES

Run the Race

Hebrews 12:1-3 Page 1717 (Grace Bibles)

Our faith in our _____ motivates us to run the race with _____.

To effectively run the race with endurance, we must ...

1. throw off _____ that hinders
2. throw off the _____ that easily entangles
3. fix our _____ on Jesus

So often we do not run the race marked for us because we allow a _____ or _____ lifestyle to _____ our race instead of living the lifestyle that Jesus called us to live.

To run with perseverance fixing my eyes on Jesus, I must

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1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

STAY CONNECTED

Guests: You are invited to stop by the Welcome Center located by the Main Entrance and by the Grace Land Entrance! We want to give you a personal welcome, a gift and thank you for coming to Grace today.



We would like to get to know you a little better! Please scan and fill out our contact card!

Connections: If you have any questions about Grace or sign-ups, make sure you visit Connections located in the lobby adjacent to the Coffee Bar.

Sermon Notes: Fill-in-the-blank sermon notes are inside your bulletin. You can also access them, along with the scriptures for today's message, through the Bible App ("Events" and "Grace Fellowship").



Please scan the QR Code to access our Sermon Notes on the Bible App

Prayer Requests: Go to our website, click on "Prayer Requests" at the top of the Home Page and let us know how our staff and Prayer Team can pray for you! Our website: www.gracefellowshipatmore.com

Giving Options: In addition to the Offering Boxes located in the lobby and auditorium, you can give your offering by visiting our website and clicking on the "Give" link at the top of the Home page. You will then go to Give Online and click on "Give HERE". Our website: www.gracefellowshipatmore.com

Stay Connected: Stay up to date with what's happening here at Grace through:

- **Facebook** – Like and Follow our page: (facebook.com/gracefellowshipatmore)
- **Email** – sent out weekly on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Email gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com if you are not receiving these weekly emails!
- **Website** – www.gracefellowshipatmore.com
- **Text** - Text "GFCONNECT" TO 94000



Get to know Grace Fellowship!

Our Purpose - Know God. Follow Jesus. Love People.

Our Offering - We don't take a public offering. Rather, we have "Offering Boxes" located in the lobby and the back of the auditorium for tithes and offerings. Offering envelopes are available beside the "Offering Boxes" for those who would like a receipt for cash contributions. We trust that God will meet our financial needs through those who call *Grace* their church home.



To Give Online - please scan the QR code.

Our Children's Ministry - *Grace Land* is where we communicate God's love and truth in a dynamic way that kids are able to understand. Classes for birth through 5th Grade begin at 10:00 a.m. If you are new to Grace, please go to the Grace Land check-in counter so that we can meet with you briefly to get important information about your child's needs and preferences.

KIC (Kids In Christ) - 6th grade (and 11 years old) - 8th grade: meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 pm

Ignite Student Ministries - 9th (and 14 years old) - 12th grade: meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 pm

Groups provide a positive opportunity to build relationships with other Christians and to grow spiritually. If you have questions, need more information, or would like to connect with a group, contact Raja Atallah at raja.gracefellowship@gmail.com.



The church office is open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday – Friday. Contact us: 251-368-4463 gracefellowshipatmore@gmail.com

Love Your Neighbor: Sunday, November 10th @ 9:00 am we will meet for a short devotional and then spread out for a time of serving and loving our neighbors through a variety of service projects. **Stop by the table in the lobby TODAY to sign up for a service project.** A light lunch will be provided. Childcare for nursery - age 3 will be provided.

Ladies 5 Week Bible Study: Wherever you find yourself on the timeline of your life, you have a choice. You can look back with regret, and look forward with fear, and live a mediocre present. Or you can take hold of the truth that Jesus redeems. Join us on Tuesday mornings, October 15th – November 19th at 9:00am. Cost is just \$10 and childcare will be provided. Stop by Connections to sign up TODAY!

Emotionally Healthy Discipleship Retreat: An emotionally healthy disciple slows down to be with Jesus, goes beneath the surface of their life to be deeply transformed by Jesus, and offers their life as a gift to the world for Jesus. Join David R. Landis on a weekend retreat for a deeper exploration of Emotionally Healthy Discipleship on Friday, November 8th (6:30-9:00pm); Saturday, November 9 (9:00am-4:30pm, lunch included) at We Care.

More Than a Mom: If you are a mom, pregnancy through elementary aged children, we'd love to have you join our MTM community! We meet on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday evening, from 7:30-9:00pm in the homes of group members. For more info and/or meeting location, contact Dana Landis at (251) 359-5713 or djhursh@gmail.com

September Financial Update:

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to you and your generous giving here at Grace. Your cheerfully given contributions allow us to continue to "Join God's Mission" in our community and beyond. While we work hard to reduce our monthly expenses and continue to be on mission, our YTD budget is currently in a deficit of \$19,506.52. Would you prayerfully consider helping to meet the needs and opportunities that we have been blessed with here at Grace?

 **GROUP NOTES**

ENTERING THE GROUP ZONE

1. Has anyone in the group participated in a marathon, 5K, or other races? Whether yes or no, still answer the questions below.
 - List some things a runner must do to prepare for races that require a high level of endurance.
 - List some things a runner must wear or do during the race to do well.
2. How can we apply details from your answers above to our spiritual race mentioned in Hebrews 12?
3. From Hebrews 12, Raja talked about everything that hinders and sins that entangle. What are some things in our lives that hinder us from focusing our eyes on Jesus and running the race?
4. Looking back at this week's message, was there anything that particularly challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?

Take a minute to review the sermon and complete the sermon notes on the previous page for anyone who might have missed it.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Hebrews 12 calls Christians to run the race with perseverance fixing their eyes on Jesus. Read Philippians 3:10-14.
 - What are Paul's desires in verse 10 (list 3)? How can we apply those desires to our lives?
 - In verses 12-14, what is Paul's goal? How does he plan to achieve his goal?
 - In Hebrews 12:1, we are called to "throw off everything that hinders." In Philippians 3:13, Paul forgets "what is behind." Discuss the similarities of these verses.
2. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1. What does Paul mean by "everything that contaminates body and spirit"? Give examples of what may contaminate your body and spirit today.
 - Discuss how 2 Corinthians 7:1 affirms those words of Hebrews 12:1: "throw off ... the sin that so easily entangles."

TAKING IT HOME

After Hebrews 11 provided a catalog of OT heroes of faith as examples of perseverance, we are called to run the race with perseverance, setting aside sin and selfish activities that hinder us and focusing on Jesus. Be challenged this week to remove at least one hindrance to be more focused on Jesus.