

HINDSIGHT

WEEK 4: WHAT LIES AHEAD

DAY 1: READ HEBREWS 12:1-2

In the context of this passage, how do we run with endurance? What/who do we focus on? Why? Take time today to thank God for His Son, Jesus, who endured the cross, despising the shame and sits at His right hand.

DAY 2: READ HEBREWS 11

What key phrase do you see repeated in this chapter? What significance does that have in regard to running with endurance? While these are examples of people who clung to God's promises from before Jesus' arrival, death and resurrection, they are also a part of the beautiful heritage we have because of Jesus. Let their behavior encourage you and challenge you to cling to God, His truth and His Son wherever you find yourself in this race set before us. We, too, get to be part of God's beautiful plan for the future if we can give up everything to run for Jesus.

DAY 3: READ HEBREWS 12:3-13

Throughout this series, we've often focused on our past and how we can, if we're not careful, allow ourselves to be held prisoner by our past and forgetting the promises of God. When we encounter the Lord's discipline, it is still for our good because He is righteous and cares for our best. In your own life, how have you seen God discipline you? How is God disciplining you right now? How is He preparing you for a better future and a fuller promise? If you don't know, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His purpose for what you're going through. Look at verse 13. Practically speaking, what do you need to do or change in order to walk a straighter path and not knock your weak knees out of joint?

DAY 4: READ HEBREWS 12:14-29

There's a lot to take in here. Why is God's truth essential for everyone? Why is it important for us to not reject the inheritance/promise God has offered us as believers? What are we challenged to do in this passage?

DAY 4 CONTINUED ON BACK...

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LEARN. GROW. CHANGE.

Why are these things important as we continue into the future in God's promise? In case you missed it, let's offer God acceptable worship with reverence and awe. How can you choose to do that today?

DAY 5: READ 2 CORINTHIANS 2:14 - 3:18

Verse 14 paints an interesting picture. Christ Jesus leads a triumphant victory march as we, being His captors, are now following behind Him, waving and celebrating God's victory and truth with elation. Focusing on God's victory, what do today's verses say about our mission? How are we to behave? As messengers of a new covenant in Christ Jesus, how is our behavior to be different than Moses when he received the stone tablets? What is the significance of the veil? Why was Moses wearing a veil? Why does Paul say our faces have been unveiled?

DAY 6: READ 2 CORINTHIANS 4

Take heart. What do we throw away and refuse to do? What do we look toward and pursue? In what ways are we afflicted? No matter what you're going through, let verses 13-18 encourage us to take our eyes away from the immediate cost and pain; instead, let's focus on the future path God has set before us, choosing to run straight in confidence and faith so that grace might extend to more and more people.

DAY 7: READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5

Where we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. We were broken and lost in our past, but we now have freedom, hope and promise in Christ Jesus' blood. Let's let go of the crooked, sinful ways of our past and allow Christ to continue His ministry of reconciliation in us and for everyone who chooses to believe. Today, try to catch yourself when you start thinking of yourself in the sinful ways; remind yourself that we, as new creations in Christ Jesus, are ambassadors of His love and truth. Let's go and share it.