

“But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.” (Psalm 22:6-8)

C. He Is the _____ of Our Faith

“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God” (Psalm 10:12)

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:14-16)

3. THE _____ IN THE RACE

A. Remember His _____

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” (Colossians 3:2-4)

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.” (James 1:12)

“He came unto his own, and his own received him not.” (John 1:11)

“The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil” (John 7:7)

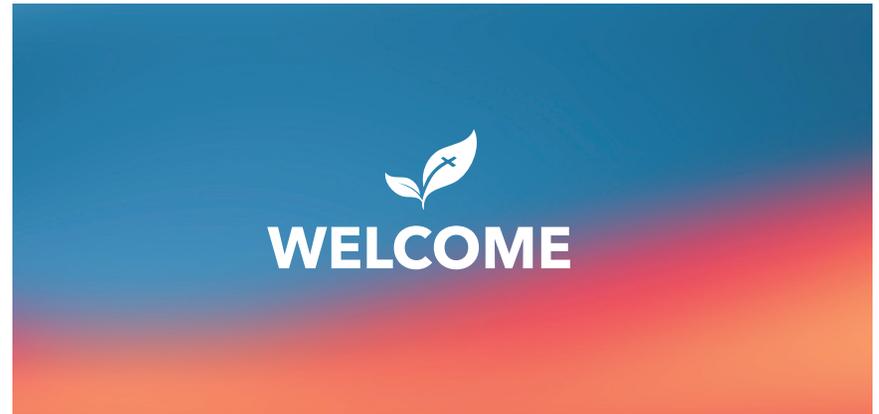
B. Renew Your _____

“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.” (2 Corinthians 4:16)

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9)

INTRODUCTION

“Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:30-31)



UPCOMING EVENTS



Vision Sunday

9:45 AM—Connection Groups Resume
10:45 AM—Worship Service
5:00 PM—Evening Service



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THE RACE BEFORE US

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Text: Hebrews 12:1-3

“Wherefore 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, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”

INTRODUCTION

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end” (Hebrews 3:12-14)

“And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.” (Hebrews 11:39-40)

“For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

1. THE _____ FOR THE RACE

A. Lay Aside the _____

“Is the thing a weight, or is it a wing? Is it that which speeds you on your course or does it hold you back?... Weights are not necessarily external: they are first of all in the heart...But the moment a thing gets a place in my heart and mind which is not in God’s mind for me, it becomes a weight, no matter what it is.”—**William Newell**

Discipline toward holiness begins then with the Scriptures – with a disciplined plan for regular intake of the Scriptures and a disciplined plan for applying them to our daily lives.” —**Jerry Bridges**

“All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.” (1 Corinthians 6:12)

B. Lay Aside the _____

“Unbelief easily ‘besets us,’ is ever present with us, and hath a peculiar readiness to oppose all the actings of grace in every faculty of the soul. ‘The flesh’ always and in all things ‘lusteth against the Spirit’”— **John Owen**

“I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.” (Psalm 18:23)

“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts” (Ephesians 4:22)

HOW TO LAY ASIDE SIN

1. Present your body as a sacrifice (Romans 12:1)
2. Reckon your position in Christ (Romans 6)
3. Saturate in the Word of God (Matthew 4:4)

C. Resist and _____

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.” (James 1:2-3)

“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” (Romans 5:3-5)

2. THE _____ FOR THE RACE

A. He Is the _____ of Our Faith

B. He Is the _____ of Our Faith

“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief” (Isaiah 53:3)

“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4-5)