

Order of Service
March 7-8, 2015

Let Us Run

Worship Team Like A Lion
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Message Let Us Run (part1)
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Hebrews 12:1-14

The Book of Hebrews... “Jesus is better than anything”

Heb. 1:4-2:18, Jesus is better than Angels.

Heb. 3:1-4:13, Jesus is better than any world, cultural, or political leader.

Heb. 4:14-7:28, Jesus is better than any preacher or spiritual teacher.

Heb. 8:1-10:18, Jesus is better than any religion (even Judaism).

Heb. 10:19 -39, Discusses the blessings of following Jesus and the cost of rejecting Him.

Heb. 11:1-40, The Hall of fame of faith, those who've successfully lived by faith.

Heb. 12:1-14, How to practically live with Jesus.

How to live the life Jesus has called me to...

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility He endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. **Hebrews 12:1-4 (NLT)***

1. I must understand the importance of the TEAM I am on and represent.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith ...

2. I must get my life in good SPIRITUAL SHAPE to run well. I am to be come HOLY.

...let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.

*Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. **2 Cor. 13:5 MSG***

*What should we say then? Should we keep on sinning so that God's grace can increase? Not at all! As far as sin is concerned, we are dead. So how can we keep on sinning? **Romans 6:1-2 NLT***

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **2 Cor. 5:17 (NLT)***

Jesus said... "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **Matthew 4:4 (NIV)**

3. I must focus on my PERSONAL journey as Christ follower.

And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

4. I must build my STRENGTH as I go. Look, listen, and learn from JESUS.

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Going deeper on your own. Read the book of Hebrews this week. Then read Hebrews 12:1-4 five times slowly asking God to speak to you. Read 2 Corinthians 13:5, and ask the Lord to help you reveal those things that are holding you back. Answer the following three questions. (1) What do you want more or less of in your life? (2) What is holding you back from receiving more or less of what you desire? (3) What is one thing you can do in the next seven days that could get you 50% there? Write it out and post it on your refrigerator and then do it. One great help in achieving this change is to share what you have learned and what you are going to do with someone who will encourage you. Tell a friend what you are going to do or you can write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com.