



MESSAGE NOTES

Encouraged To Persevere

Hebrews 12:1-3

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1. Importance of spiritual endurance

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

The Bible says that by our endurance we win life. Preserving through difficult times is how we are transformed into the character of Jesus. Showing that character of Jesus to the people around us then brings other people to Him.

2. Eyes fixed on Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Focusing on Jesus keeps us from growing weary and losing heart. Our faith begins and ends with Him. As long as we don't give up and turn our backs on Him, He will never abandon us.

3. For the joy set before Him

Hebrews 12:3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Our perseverance is a joyful one. We can overcome any circumstances by following Jesus' example. We are more than conquerors through Him.