

11. The writer of Hebrews gave us the key to finishing the race. His admonition was to _____ our _____ on Jesus.

“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.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

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LESSON 12: THE POWER TO SEE IT THROUGH



WEDNESDAY 5.24.23

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

2 Timothy 4:7

1. The Bible is full of characters that had a _____ beginning but did not _____ well. It is also full of characters who had a terrible start but finished well.

"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."

Ecclesiastes 7:8

2. It is hard to determine which blow from the hammer splits the rock, yet it is clear that _____ did.

3. The power to see life through to a good conclusion is a matter of _____.

"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 40:31

4. The original word for wait is a verb which meant originally to twist or stretch like a _____ and was defined as the tension of enduring or waiting.

"In your patience possess ye your souls..."

Luke 21:19

5. The idea behind waiting on the LORD is not a passive sitting around until the LORD does something. Yes, God gives us strength; but we don't expect it to come as if He were pouring it into us as we sit passively. He brings it to us as we _____ Him and _____ on Him instead of our own strength. If we are _____, it is because we do not _____ on the LORD.

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved:"

Matthew 10:22

6. _____ in Isaiah 40:29 and _____ in Isaiah 40:30 are the same Hebrew word, which means "failure through loss of inherent strength." _____ in Isaiah 40:30 is a different word, which means "exhaustion because of the hardness of life." If we are worn out for either reason, God is here to give us strength – if we will wait on Him.

7. First, we mount up with wings like eagles. Then we run. Finally, we walk. Does it seem out of order? Not at all. First, we recognize that we _____ up into heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6). Then we set ourselves on the course to _____ the race (Hebrews 12:1). Then we are in a good place to _____ the walk (Colossians 2:6).

"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

Ecclesiastes 9:11



Jim and Derek Redmond - Barcelona Olympics 1992

8. Paul compared life to a _____.

9. Paul's unwavering faith that _____ led him to finish his race.

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

10. In our world parents name their sons _____ and their dogs _____.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

Luke 14:28-30