

We endure because Christ endured

Hebrews 12:1-2 TPT

As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. We look away from the natural realm and we fasten our gaze onto Jesus who birthed faith within us and who leads us forward into faith's perfection. His example is this: Because his heart was focused on the joy of knowing that you would be his, he endured the agony of the cross and conquered its humiliation, and now sits exalted at the right hand of the throne of God!

Imagine running a marathon race with ankle weights or a heavy box on your back. You won't get very far before breaking down. We carry wounds when we keep replaying and recalling them. Likewise, sin is a weight we must throw off in order to continue the race that God has marked out for us. Instead of being weighed down we are to live with PASSION, DETERMINATION and ENDURANCE! That passion and endurance only comes by fixing and gazing upon JESUS, the one who initiated our faith and leads us forward.

True transformation happens when we take time out to gaze and behold Jesus through His word and worship in the spirit. When we see Him, we can reflect his beauty and character - (His goodness, mercy, kindness, love, patience and gentleness). Let us come before His throne of grace, yield our hearts to Him and rest in His love.

Read & Meditate on 2 Corinthians 3:16-18.

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