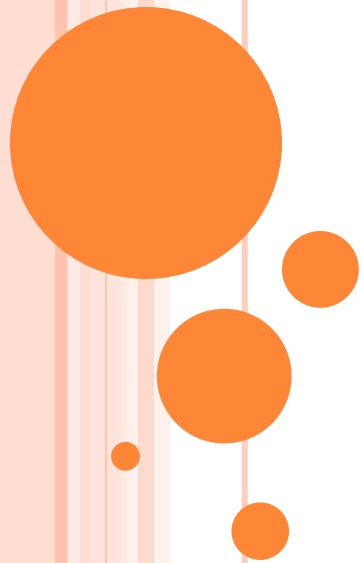


# **RUNNING TO WIN!**

**January 6, 2019**



# HEBREWS 12:1-4 (NLT)

- <sup>1</sup> 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.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.



# HEBREWS 12:1-4 (NLT)

- <sup>3</sup> Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.
- <sup>4</sup> After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.



# I. EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A RACE TO RUN.



# II. ENCOURAGERS ARE IN THE GRANDSTANDS



# III. EYES ON THE GOAL



IV. EVERY ENCUMBRANCE MUST BE  
REMOVED.



# V. THE TROPHY – THE VICTORS CROWN.





## REVELATION 2:7 (NLT)

**7 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.**



# REVELATION 2:11 (NLT)

**<sup>11</sup> “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.**



# REVELATION 2:17 (NLT)

**17 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.**



# REVELATION 2:26-28 (NLT)

**26 To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end, To them I will give authority over all the nations.**

**27 They will rule the nations with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.**

**28 They will have the same authority I received from my Father, and I will also give them the morning star!**



# REVELATION 3:5 (NLT)

**<sup>5</sup> All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.**



# REVELATION 3:12 (NLT)

**<sup>12</sup> All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name.**



# REVELATION 3:21 (NLT)

**<sup>21</sup> Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.**



# REVELATION 21:7 (NLT)

**<sup>7</sup> All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.**





# VI. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN THE RACE

