

BRIGHT STAR COMMUNITY CHURCH

A STAR in the West Leading People to CHRIST

Going the distance !

Hebrews 12:1

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Hebrews 12:1-3

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GOING THE **DISTANCE**

**Completing something despite hardships.
Carrying out a task or duty, usually with the
suggestion that it is difficult in some way.**

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Phil.3: V. 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

The verb "I press" comes from a Greek word which means literally "to follow after." The Greeks used it to describe a hunter who eagerly and relentlessly pursued after his prey. You see, a person does not become a winning athlete by listening to lectures, watching movies, reading books or cheering at the games. He becomes a winner only when he gets into the race with a determination to win.

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God is not pleased with us just doing our best. God wants something more. Heaven rarely gets excited because we do all that is within our power. God wants us to do something that is above our head and beyond our strength. He wants us to do what we can't.

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Look around at the winners! (v. 1) The “great... cloud of witnesses” were introduced to us in Hebrews 11. They are the heroes of the faith. It is not suggested here that these men and women now in heaven are watching us as we run the race, like people seated in a stadium. The word “witnesses” does not mean “spectators.” Our English word “martyr” comes directly from the Greek word translated “witness.” These people are not witnessing what we are doing; rather, they are bearing witness to us that God can see you through.

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**In Vs. 2 Paul says, let us
lay aside every weight, and
the sin which doth so
easily beset us...**

Lighten Up....

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Let us throw off the sin that so easily entangles

In addition to things that weigh us down, we must throw off and guard against any sin that would trip us up while we are running. If we have started compromising in any area of our lives, we must get rid of the sin and renew our commitment to keep running for Christ.

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1 Corinthians 10:12-13 12 So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

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- A. When you are Incapable, He is Capable.**
- B. When you are Weak, He is Strong.**
- C. When you don't Know, He Does Know.**
- D. When you are Powerless, He is All-Powerful.**
- E. When you don't have an Answer, He Does!**

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Look Up..

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