

Jesus

Running With The Giants
Part 8 of 8

“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.”
Hebrews 12:1

“Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through.”
Hebrews 12:2-3 (MSG)

For when you feel like giving up...

“Keep your eyes on Jesus”

HOW HE DID IT

1. Forgive everyone who's trying to ruin your life.
“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’”
Luke 23:34

2. Help others who are experiencing your same struggle.
“One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don't you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.’”
Luke 23:39-43

3. Be sure you've taken care of those closest to you.

“Dear woman, here is your son... Here is your mother.”
John 19:26-27

4. Realize that until you get to heaven, there are some things you will never understand.

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
Matthew 27:46

5. Be human enough to acknowledge your need.

“Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, ‘I am thirsty.’ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.”
John 19:28-29

6. Be assured, there is a purpose and an end.

“It is finished.”
John 19:30

7. Finally, surrender your day to God and let it go.

“Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” Luke 23:46

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