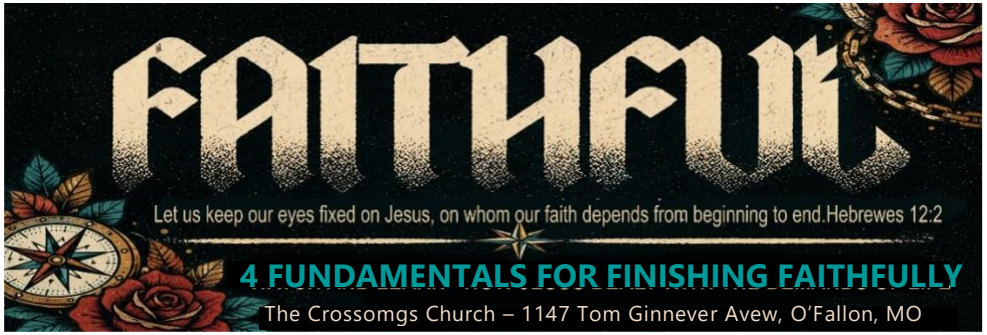


Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, [2] *fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.* [3] *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.* **Hebrews 12:1-3** NIV

FIVE FUNDAMENTALS THAT RESULT IN MY FINISHING FAITHFULLY

1. I THAT IT IS _____ WHO IS _____ ME.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses
Hebrews 12:1a

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. **Philippians 1:6** NLT

…to him who by the power that is working within us is able to do far beyond all that we ask or think, [21] *to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.* **Ephesians 3:20-21** NET

2. I _____ ANYTHING THAT _____ ME.

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. **Hebrews 12:1b**

…when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. [21] *It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life.* **2 Peter 2:19-21** NLT

- **Two Steps to Eliminating my impediment:**
  1. _____ **my problem.**

  What thing(s) **"hinders me?** _____

  What sin(s) **entangles me?** _____

  2. _____ **my problem.**

  What am I going to do to address these? _____

You can't whitewash your sins and get by with it; you find mercy by admitting and leaving them. **Proverbs 28:13** MP

3. I _____ TO _____ _____ THE RACE MARKED OUT.

…let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us **Hebrews 12:1c**

Run in such a way as to get the prize. [25] *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.* [26] *Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.* [27] *No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.* **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** NIV

- **Two things that can prevent me from finishing faithfully.**
  1. _____

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. **Galatians 6:9** MP

  2. _____

You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? **Galatians 5:7** NIV

I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding. Psalm 119:32 NIV

4. I _____.

…fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. [3] *Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.* **Hebrews 12:2, 3**

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?