

BOLD FAITH – FINISHING WELL!
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Hebrews 12:1-2-KJV

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"BOLD FAITH" LOOKS AROUND...TO OTHERS OF LIKE FAITH!

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses ..."

Hebrews 10:24-Passion

Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.

BOLD FAITH" LOOKS INSIDE...TO SEE IF THERE IS ANYTHING HOLDING THEM BACK.

... let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,..."

Passion - ...So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into.

"Weight" = ogkos = encumbrance (hindrances, burdens). Your "encumbrance" may not be sin... but leads you in that direction.

"Sin" = hamartia = to miss the mark, violation, an offense, to do wrong.

"The sin that so cleverly entangles us." The *Aramaic* can be translated "the sin that is ready [and waiting] for us."

James 1:21-22-Passion

21 So this is why we abandon everything morally impure and all forms of wicked conduct. Instead, with a sensitive spirit we absorb God's Word, which has been implanted within our nature, for the Word of Life has power to continually deliver us.

22 Don't just listen to the Word of Truth and not respond to it, for that is the essence of self-deception. So

always let his Word become like poetry written and fulfilled by your life!

"BOLD FAITH" LOOKS AHEAD...KEEPS ITS FOCUS.

12:1- "... let us run with patience the race that is set before us,..."

1 Corinthians 9:24-27-Passion

24 Isn't it obvious that all runners on the racetrack keep on running to win, but only one receives the victor's prize? Yet each one of you must run the race to be victorious.

25 A true athlete will be disciplined in every respect, practicing constant self-control in order to win a laurel wreath that quickly withers. But we run our race to win a victor's crown that will last forever.

26 For that reason, I don't run just for exercise or box like one throwing aimless punches,

27 but I train like a champion athlete. I subdue my body and get it under my control, so that after preaching the good news to others I myself won't be disqualified.

2 Timothy 4:7-Passion

I have fought an excellent fight. I have finished my full course and I've kept my heart full of faith.

Race – "obstacle course" The Greek - "word agona means agony, toil, a fight, or conflict.

...the race set before us...The *Aramaic* can be translated "the race [personally] appointed to us."

Romans 15:4-5-KJV

For whatsoever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Colossians 1:10-NLT

We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy,...

1 Timothy 6:12.

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life,...

"BOLD FAITH" LOOKS AT...JESUS.

"... looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

John 15:17-19-KJV

... If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

"BOLD FAITH" LOOKS UP...TO THE END RESULT.

"... for the joy that was set before Him..."

1 Corinthians 2:9-KJV

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.