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Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary in soul and give up.

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Hebrews 12:1-3

- Jesus is the “Pioneer and Perfecter” of faith
 - He is fully sufficient to bring us to the finish line – the very presence of God
 - He is the supreme example of faithful endurance in suffering – we follow Him

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Endure Like Jesus

➤ The Nature of His Example

1. His endurance
 - He completely trusted and obeyed His Father in the midst of the most intense suffering
 - He totally disregarded the shame and in no way allowed it to divert His faithfulness

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➤ The Nature of His Example

2. His sustenance

- He was sustained in His endurance of the cross by what was set before Him – unmatched joy!
- we are sustained in our endurance of suffering by knowing that we will share in this joy

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➤ The Nature of His Example

3. His exaltation

- His endurance through suffering leads to His glory and honor – “seated at God’s right hand”
- His being seated at God’s right hand secures our sharing in His glory, if we endure through suffering

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Endure Like Jesus

➤ The Power of His Example

- the example of Jesus has the ability to keep us from growing weary and giving up in the race
- by successful endurance of the worst, Jesus has been fitted to sustain us in whatever we face (c.f. Heb. 2:18)