

Running The Right Race

Hebrews 11:39-12:2a

The Wrong Race

- Rat Race – an endless, self defeating and pointless pursuit having no end in sight
 - Produces fatigue, weariness, restlessness, disorientation, lack of focus, physical weakness, mental and physical stress

The Race We Are Called To Run

- The Race that God has set before us – it produces focus and energy, purpose and reward
- It is a hard race, a marathon, run in stages
 - The Beginning – excitement and energy, focused joy
 - The Middle – the WALL (the sin that trips us up)
 - The Final Push – the Refocused, Resurgent, Runners High

How We Finish The Right Race

- Strip off, cast off the sin that trips us up:
 - Train the frame
 - Remove the Warm Up
 - Straying off course intentionally
 - Cracks in the sidewalk
- Eyes focused on Jesus:
 - Successful marathoners regained their focus
 - Having removed the distractions, refocused to the finish
 - In our case Jesus comes along side and strengthens us to the end