

Running the Race of Faith II

Hebrews 12:3

^{KJV} **Hebrews 12:3** For consider him that endured such **contradiction** of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

^{NKJ} **Hebrews 12:3** For consider Him who endured **such hostility** from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

^{NLT} **Hebrews 12:3** Think of **all the hostility** he endured from sinful people; then you **won't become weary and give up**.

I

There are some things which are **inevitable** in life.

Inevitable things are incapable of being avoided or evaded.

To a **void** means to keep away from.

To **evoke** means to slip away or elude.

To **elude** someone or thing means to escape the perception, understanding, or grasp of them or it.

Consider **John 15:20** and **2 Timothy 3:12**

II

Jesus had to endure the contradictions of men and endured to the end.

Faith is more than an on time action, it is an attitude.

Consider **Hebrews 12:2**

^{NLT} **Hebrews 12:2** We do this by **keeping our eyes on** Jesus, the champion who **initiates and perfects** our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

Comparables and **considerations** of others are a great tool.

III

We will face some of the same trails.

Consider **James 1:2-3**

Many people have great confidence in their faith until it is **severely** tested by **hardships** and **disappointments**.

How a person handles trouble will reveal whether his faith is living or dead, genuine or imitation, saving or nonsaving.

Everyone who lives in this world **endures** some measure of trouble.

That is the consequence of the fall, the natural result of **sinful** human **nature** and of a world and society **corrupted** by iniquity.

IV

Don't grow weary!

Amp **Hebrews 12:3** Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition and bitter hostility against Himself [**reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials**], so that you may not grow **weary** or **exhausted**, **losing heart** and **relaxing** and **fainting in your minds**.

^{KJV} **Isaiah 26:3** Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

^{NLT} **Isaiah 26:3** You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, **all whose thoughts are fixed on you!**

Keep your mind stay on Him!

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