

The Ultimate Race - SuperKid Camp Theme.

Hebrews 12:1-2; (NKJV)

*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great **a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”*

At Superkids camp this week, they will learn how to run their race by keeping their eyes on Jesus. We all need to be reminded that we are in the race and how to keep our eyes fully focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

A Natural Race

v.1 a cloud of witnesses is a divine connection between heaven and earth. Many have relatives that have gone to be with Jesus. Saints in heaven are actively involved in what is going on. Hebrews 11, often referred to as the ‘Hall of Faith’ shares they are cheering us on. The people are in the grandstands of heaven and are cheering us to keep running.

Remember, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

We Lay aside Every Weight

- Olympic runners train seriously for competition. They train with a focused objective and on a regular basis, many train every day before the big event, and they also rest and eat properly.
- Runners only wear what they absolutely need to wear. i.e.; Many Olympic swimmers go to the extreme of removing all body hair to be as fast as possible – “they don’t want to lose by a hair.”
- It would be ridiculous to run a race with a full backpack on or extra clothing.

A Spiritual Race.

Hebrews 12:1; (The Living Bible)

“Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up.”

v.1 (TMT) “Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in.”

Keith Moore has a series entitled, “How to develop a strong spirit.” [Message 5, Enemies of a Strong Spirit.] Brother Keith shares that power is not the only factor in winning a race, another aspect is making things lighter.

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It may not be more power you need, but to be lighter from things around you. Our spiritual lives need to daily increase to be stronger, move faster and streamline - being more aerodynamic as we lay aside spiritual weight. This begins with our daily personal time with the Lord.

Getting rid of... fear, doubt, worry, unforgiveness, comparisons, anger, bitterness. Don't get stuck in any of these things. Today, it is time to examine and ensure none of these things are hindering our race.

As our Superkids experience more of Jesus at camp, they will begin to lay aside weights. They will leave camp lighter and will be commissioned to run their race;

(Hebrews 12:1; AMPC)

“...with patient endurance and steady and active persistence.”

Running Our Particular Race.

The particular [specific] race. Each one of us has a race. The value of going to camp or to a believer, attending the southwest believer's convention is a time to detox, flushing out the world's views and ways. **You will always come up to a higher level when you leave things behind.** Our race is to accomplish what God has called us to do.

How Do We Run Our Particular Race?

Hebrews 12:1; (NKJV)

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

v. 1 (The Living Bible)

"Keep your eyes on Jesus, our leader and instructor."

We are running to win trophies for Jesus! Sometimes we mentally need to put "**finish line tape**" in front of us, and picture ourselves pushing our chest through it, as we run to win. You need to feel the effects of winning by pushing yourself through this periodically to keep your focus, motivation, and inspiration on what Jesus has called you to.

Run to win.

All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally.

We keep our eyes on Jesus.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27; (MSG)

"You've all been to the stadium and seen the athlete's race. Everyone runs; one wins."

Hebrews 12:3; (ESV)

*"Do Not Grow Weary - Consider Him **[observe Him fully]** who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted."*