

IT'S A FAITH RACE

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KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Hebrews 12:1-2](#)
- [Hebrews 11:1](#)
- [2 Timothy 4:6-11](#)

KEY POINTS

- Chapter 12 starts with “Therefore...” as the conclusion of chapter 11. Chapter 11 chronicles the life of 18 saints that achieved great exploits by faith.
- We are surrounded by these witnesses.
- The word “race,” from the Greek, “agon,” means a conflict or struggle.
- Jesus is at the starting gate of our race and at the finish line.
- All racers are sinners and share the same entanglements.
- Look unto Jesus; not your sin, not the witnesses, and not your own strength.
- Our race is to His glory, and He is our prize.
- Despise the shame, not the shamers.
- The race requires endurance.
- Faith fuels the racer.

DISCUSSION

1. Too many of us struggle with receiving love. Have you experienced this? How have you overcome?
2. If you were to describe the race, what lap are you on? What are you enduring?
3. How can we help other racers? How can we hurt them?
4. What were other impressions that the message left with you?