

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – June 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
***Doing Life Together – Doing Life Together***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 12:1

**OBSERVATION:** The original audience of Hebrews had been very strong in their faith at one point. However, their strength had faded to spiritual weakness, their hearts had grown dull, and they had become spiritually hard of hearing (Heb. 5:11-14). Many of us have experienced something similar, and certainly, no believer walks perfectly. That ought never to be a comfort to us though, since it is always spiritually dangerous to be in this position.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 10:37-38

**OBSERVATION:** Therefore, God warned us in Hebrews on many occasions not to shrink back (Heb. 2:1-4; 10:37-39). Warnings are frightening and hard to hear, but they are given to us as a way to help us know how serious we must take the matter of perseverance. As Christians, we must “run with endurance,” and not even think about quitting the race! “Let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it”.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 12:1-7

**OBSERVATION:** The Christian life is compared to a race in a first-century Roman arena, surrounded by vast numbers of witnesses. As Christians, we are to cast off sin and anything else that would inhibit our running well (vv. 1-2). But what about those who know Christ and struggle with sin? We all have encountered this unfortunate reality, and, thankfully, God deals with us as His children who need to be trained. In the end, our sins do not overcome the grace of God and His work of conversion.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 12:3-11

**OBSERVATION:** The larger context of Hebrews 12:3-11 the author offers us a bit of comfort to us when are being disciplined by God: the very fact that God disciplines us is a demonstration of His love and commitment to us and is evidence that we truly belong to Him. He does this so that each of us will run the race of the Christian life, persevering until the end.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 12:2

**OBSERVATION:** God is committed to our endurance, and He is also committed to our training and discipline. He always keeps the ultimate goal in mind, even though we can lose sight of it. Let us lay all of these things aside by daily confessing our sins, turning from them and turning to Christ. The race we run and the battles we fight will end only when Jesus summons us home to heaven, or He returns to consummate His kingdom. Until then, let us diligently obey this exhortation, knowing that we do not run alone.

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 12:1-7

**OBSERVATION:** There is a connection between verses 1-2 and verses 3-7. Sometimes this connection is not always obvious, but God wants each of us to run with endurance and to finish the race. He desires for us to run well. However, we still struggle at times with sin, and with hearts that do not want to submit to God’s Word. As our loving and wise heavenly Father, God knows this, and He will train us through sufferings and trials, disciplining us for our good.