

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – August 26th – 31st
Doing Life Together – Doing Life Together

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1-3

OBSERVATION: Nothing can be drawn from this passage as to the relation between the living and the dead. There is simply no evidence anywhere in the Scriptures that the dead are watching us. The context is these Old Testament saints gave witness to God at work in their lives. Many of them were faithful unto death. They sealed their testimonies as martyrs. The main idea is that believers today should be encouraged and stimulated by their examples of faith.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1-3

OBSERVATION: "Lay aside every weight" (ESV). The word is *ogkon*, meaning "mass," "weight" or "burden" "impediment," and in the athletic world meant the bulk of unnecessary bodyweight that needed to be removed by the right exercise in training before the race. At the time of the contest the Greek contestants were required to be stripped naked. Metaphorically it means anything that would hinder the runner in the spiritual race.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1-3

OBSERVATION: Whatever kind of sin impedes or slows down the Christian in the spiritual race needs to be removed. Anything, however innocent in itself, can become an obstacle in the race just like a long flowing garment would impede the runner in a race. What is it in your spiritual life that keeps you from keeping your eyes focused on Jesus Christ?

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1-3

OBSERVATION: The main exhortation in the passage is let us like that great cloud of witnesses run with patience the race God has set before us. "The present imperative implies that the readers have been and are now running and calls on them to keep on more strenuously than ever," notes R. C. Lenski.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1-3

OBSERVATION: In the race of faith we must keep constantly before our eyes Him who is the author and perfecter of faith. The gaze of faith is focused on Jesus who has fulfilled all of the promises of God. "Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (ESV).

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 12:1-3

OBSERVATION: The road to joy was by way of the cross. The joy would come in the day of His triumph. It was joy as a reward of His suffering on the cross. Phillips paraphrases, "because of the joy He knew would follow His suffering." It was the joy that was awaiting Him.