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Running the Race

Heb.12:1

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God...’ – 2 Timothy 2:15
The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will consider THE RACE that all Christians are called to run.

Roadmap of where we have been and where we are going:

Enduring Faith Defined (11:1) Exemplified (11:2-40), and finally
Commanded (12:1-26).

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER TODAY'S TEXT?

- 1) Encouragement to run.
- 2) Commanded to run.
- 3) Preparing to run.
- 4) Patience in running.
- 5) Focus and Object of the race.

INTRO THOUGHT: Main Clause / Theme of v.1 = The Race and our Running in the Race.

This main Clause is joined/connected to four modifying/informative clauses which will serve as our sermon headers.

I. ENCOURAGEMENT TO RUN

“WHEREFORE” – Strongs G5105 - *τοιγαροῦν* *toigaroûn* “wherefore then, for which reason, therefore, consequently”

Used 2x in the Bible.

(CONTEXT is avoiding fornication) 1 Thes.4:8 “He **therefore** (G5105) that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.”

“...seeing we also”

- a) Our organic connection with the OT elect of God.
- b) Inspiration of our heritage as the church.
- c) The preserving power of God through the COG.

➤ UNDERSTANDING THE NEED FOR ENCOURAGEMENT.

➤ A repeated pattern in the Hebrews Epistle:

- 1) Pointing to what we possess by Faith, and...

2) Pointing what to do with the Faith we possess.