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We Are Not Alone in This Race

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- Hebrews 11
- James 5:17
- Romans 15:4

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- Parable of the sower
 - Matthew 13:22; Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14
 - Cares, riches, pleasures of life, desire for other things
 - “Choked”....”Unfruitful”
- Matthew 6:25-34
- 1 Corinthians 6:12

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- Genesis 4:7
- 1 John 3:4
- Commission
 - Galatians 5:19-21
- Omission
 - James 4:17

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- Jesus is the author or originator of faith
 - Provided the perfect example of faith and obedience
 - Hebrews 5:8
 - He is our head and leader in the faith
- Jesus is the finisher or completer of our faith
 - Leads us to the end of our faith
 - 1 Peter 1:9

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How could He endure the cross?

- The joy set before Him: a great motivator
- Isaiah 53:10-11
- Philippians 3:8-11, 14
- 1 Peter 1:6-9
- 2 Timothy 4:8
- The goal of the heavenly prize is the joy set before us

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- He despised the shame
- 1 Peter 2:23
- 2 Timothy 1:12
- 1 Peter 4:16
- 1 Peter 3:15-17
- Acts 20:24

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- The way to glory is through suffering for Christ
- Romans 8:17

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- John 15:18-25
- Matthew 10:24
- Hebrews 4:14-16

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- Deuteronomy 1:28
- Galatians 6:9
- 1 Corinthians 9:27

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