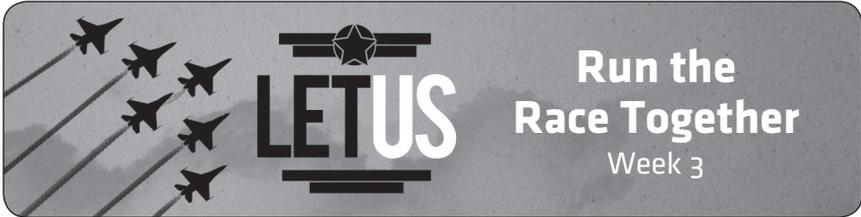


PRAYER

- Lift each other up in prayer, that each person will be strengthened in Christ to persevere and overcome in the situations you are facing.

- Intercede for the members of your Victory group to have the motivation to preach the gospel to their friends and relatives. Pray for the salvation of your family members.

- Ask God to enable each person in your group to have an attitude of an encourager.



NOTES

CONNECT

- What is your favorite project when you were in elementary school? Please explain.
- When was the first time you had earnings? Tell us your story.
- Have you experienced being defended by someone? Please share briefly what actually happened.



WORD

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

Living a life of faith is like a runner in a marathon. Those who follow Jesus need to know that the Christian life is just like a long distance race—perseverance is important to finish it. The good thing, however, is that the Lord Jesus is always there willing to help each believer. What is Jesus' crucial role in our Christian walk and why should we rely on Him?

- **Jesus is the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.**

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . .

Hebrews 12:2

We are not alone in this life of faith. In fact, it was Jesus Himself who brought us into this great blessing. Moreover, this verse tells us that He is the one who will help us complete this so-called long distance race. Thus, we should “fix our eyes” on Him which means we put our faith and hope in Him or put our confidence in and be dependent on Him. How do you “fix your eyes” on Jesus?

- **Jesus is the Earner of our salvation.**

. . . who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame . . .

Hebrews 12:2

It was Jesus who paid the great price to win our salvation—a humiliating death on the cross, preceded by extreme suffering. He did this because He loves us and with that, all we can do is be grateful by repenting from our sins and committing our lives back to Him. Knowing that Jesus has already earned our victory, how can this help us become confident and persevere in this life?

- **Jesus is the Champion of our faith.**

. . . sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

A “champion” could mean the ultimate winner. This could also mean advocate, supporter, backer, and defender. The writer of Hebrews portrays Jesus as such. He calls the Lord our intercessor (Hebrews 7:25). How is your faith strengthened knowing that Jesus, the Ultimate Champion is on your side?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- What does the writer of Hebrews advise us to do in Hebrews 4:16? How will this be reflected in your life?
- If our good works cannot earn us salvation, is it now useless? What does Ephesians 2:10 and Colossians 1:10 say about this?
- Read Hebrews 7:25. What is our gain as Jesus intercedes for us?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- Who in your group or church needs encouragement? What can you pray for that person?
- What situation are you going through right now that is challenging you the most? What promises in the Bible can you claim?
- How and with whom can you share this life of victory that you have found in Jesus? What personal stories can you tell them?