

Pioneer, Perfecter of Our Faith

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1–3

VERSE 1

Before this great cloud of witnesses
We throw off the sin that entangles us
Running the race with perseverance
On the path marked out for us

CHORUS

Fixing our eyes on Jesus
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VERSE 2

For the joy set before Him
He endured the cross
Then He rose on the third day
Now He sits at the right hand of God

BRIDGE

Consider Him who endured
Such hostility
My child don't lose heart
And don't grow weary

OUTRO

For the joy set before Him
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He endured the cross
Now our Savior He sits at
The right hand of God
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The right hand of God

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"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

— Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

LITTLE LESSON FOR LITTLE HEARTS

Hebrews pictures the Christian life as a race, and it starts with what we take off: "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Sin is like a heavy coat and tangled laces — a runner throws them off. But the strength is not in our legs; it is in where we look: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2). He is the Pioneer who ran the race first, and the Perfecter who finishes it in us — "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). Because Jesus both starts and finishes our faith, we never run to earn His love; we run because He has already run for us: "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). And when the path gets hard, "consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Hebrews 12:3). My child, don't lose heart — keep your eyes on Jesus.