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Learning ...

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Living ...

Leading ...

By the Word of God



Hebrews 12:1-4

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, 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,

2 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 12:1-4

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

A Commitment to Excellence

- The Event the "Race"
 - The book is to the Jewish brothers in Christ
 - The Christians experienced storms and pressures
 - The started to fall back to old customs
 - The superiority of Christ to all others

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- The Encouragement
 - We can receive encouragement when others go through trials faithfully to God
- The Obstacles
 - We need to strip off things that hold us back
 - The Jewish Christian's weight was legalism
 - Trade our legalism (or works) for faith
 - All weight is not sin, but all sin is weight

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- The Example
 - Jesus is our example; keep your eyes on Jesus
- The End
 - We should consider what Jesus endured
 - Jesus shed blood for our sins
 - He is the only means of salvation

RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.