

Trust God

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I. Introduction.

- A. Many times, we cannot go back when we make decisions. It is good to get things right the first time.
- B. Subject: faith.
- C. The best definition of faith is found in Hebrews 11 and 12:1-2.
- D. Text: Hebrews 12:1.
- E. We are to run with patience the race set before us.

II. Run.

- A. Running is a process rather than a point in time experience. There is an objective with running.
- B. There is a price to pay. (I Corinthians 9:23)
- C. There is fatigue when you run. (Galatians 5:7, Genesis 13:10)
- D. Every step is important in the race. (Genesis 19)

III. With patience.

- A. Patience is calmness in waiting—quiet perseverance.
- B. We must pace ourselves if we plan to win.

IV. The race set before us.

- A. A race is the course of life—circumstances.
- B. We must understand that God is the one in control of all the events of our life.
- C. The life of faith is accepting the challenge and moving ahead with our eyes fixed on Christ. (Genesis 50:20, Psalm 75:6-7, Hebrews 12:14-15)
- D. Do not resent people and circumstances.

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says that the Christian life should be trouble free when one follows Jesus? Explain.

2. Why is it important to view the race of life as a long distant race instead of a short sprint? Explain.

3. What resentments do you harbor that show a weakness in faith? How can you challenge yourself to grow in these areas? Explain.
