

HEBREWS 12:1-3

“Therefore, 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. Let 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. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”



BUT GOD...
RUNNING WELL

1 Cor. 9:24-10:13

DON'T BE DISQUALIFIED

9:24-27

Run to win
Train intensely
Prioritize the eternal
Expect to sacrifice



IT CAN HAPPEN

10:1-5

These guys had the same Coach, the same gear and the same opportunity to succeed

...and their bodies were scattered
across the desert

HERE'S THEIR END

10:6-10

Idolatry Ex. 32:6

Sexual immorality Ex. 32:28;35

Testing God Num. 21:4-9

Complaining Num. 16:3-41



It didn't have to end that way

HEED THE WARNING

10:11-12

Don't be a fool. (1 Pet. 5:8)

God provided examples and warnings

The most likely fool? The self-assured.

The one who believes, "I've got this!"



HEAR THE HOPE!

10:13

Temptations come, but they are 'garden variety.'

BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL...

He won't allow the Enemy to tempt you past the
breaking point.

He will provide a way out every time.



A FEW QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Am I learning from the failures of others?

Am I trusting in Christ or in me?

Am I surrendering to the lies of the Enemy
or trusting in the promises of God?

Am I consistently looking for His way out?