

## “This is How We Do It”

Heb 12:1-3

### I. Three Truth Statements

**A) We all have a race to run**

*See John 21:21*

**B) Sin impedes our ability to run**

*What entanglement, even though not necessarily wrong, has become an impediment to your running the specific race God has cut out for you?*

**C) A great many have already run**

- A great many of already done what God is calling us to do
- easy to “feel alone”

1 Kings 19:14; 1 Kings 19:18

### II. Three Questions

**A) How do we run?**

1) With Endurance

- Long distance race, not a short dash ... a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Looking to Jesus

*Why?*

a) Founder/author of our faith

Romans 12:3

b) Perfector of our faith

Philippians 1:6

c) Our example of faith

i) Joy set before him

*The cross was not \_\_\_\_\_, but the End \_\_\_\_\_*

ii) Endured the cross

iii) Despised the shame

**B) What is the message to us?**

1) Consider Him [Jesus]

2) So that you may not grow weary or *fainthearted*

**C) What is the final outcome?**

- Temptation to think it is not worth it  
Galatians 2:2

- God cannot design an errant race course [Deuteronomy 32:4]

### **Application Questions:**

- *What entanglement, even though not necessarily wrong, has become an impediment to your running the specific race God has cut out for you?*
- *Do you envy another Christian's "race" sometimes wishing you could change "race courses?" Are you grateful for the specific 'course' that God has designed for you or do you at times rebel, complain or even to despise your 'race?' What does your attitude say about your perception of God's loving care? His wisdom? His goodness?*
- *What temptations hound you when you see your race as a 'sprint' and not as a 'marathon?' In what ways has a temporary shortsighted view lead to discouragement and despair?*
- *How are you tempted to think you are all alone in the race that God has set for you? How can the community of believers come along side you at this time? How has another Christian encouraged you as you have watched them run their race? How can you encourage another Christian who is struggling right now to run their race?*
- *Are you tempted to think that running your race is not worth it at present? How does the final outcome of Jesus sitting on the throne encourage you to continue on?*