

# FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS!

In the Old & New Testament

A Study in the
book of Hebrews



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THE GREAT RACE
JESUS ENDURES, WE WIN!

#### **Hebrews 12:1-3**



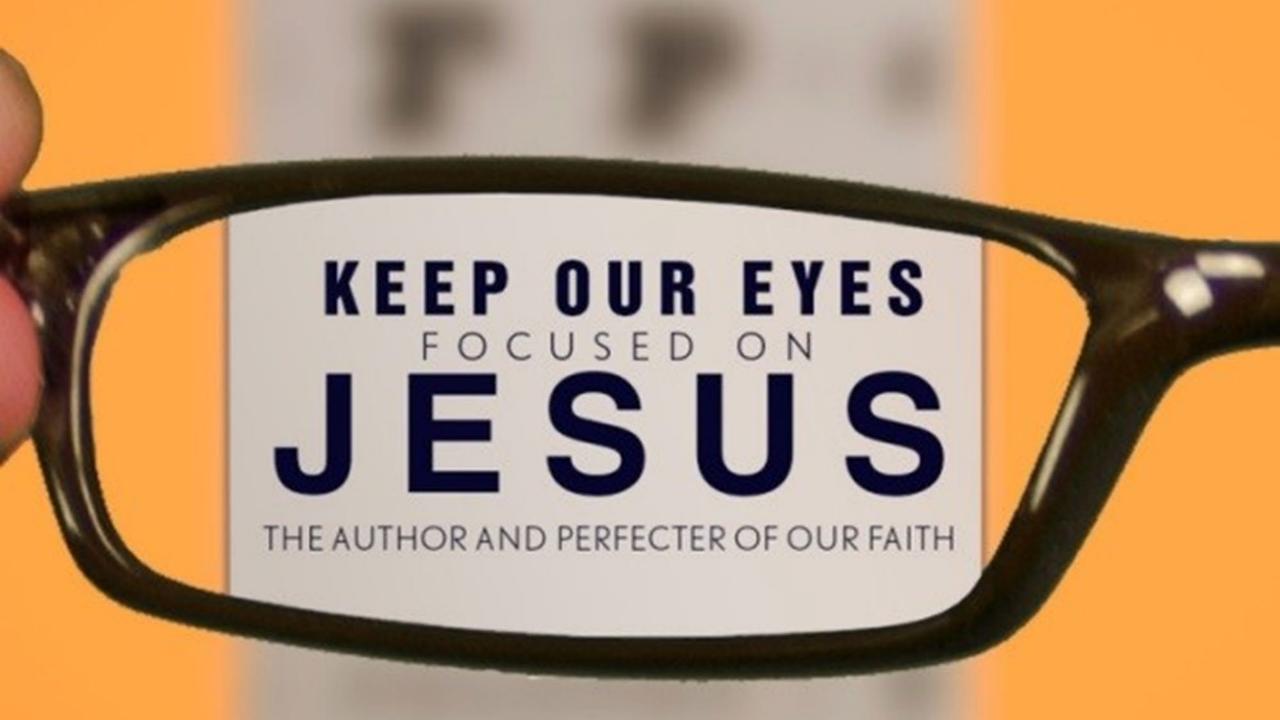
**Ancient Race Track** 

"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..."

### "Therefor"

- Therefore, what's it "there for"?
- Hb 11 Hall of faith or witnesses!
- History is His Story!
- Faith is itself a gift, author and finisher of our faith





## Who are the witnesses?

- List of God's followers in Heb 11?
- The Angelic host?
- All saints watching from heaven?
- The living, watching us now?



### Rid ourselves!

- Devil's favorite tool; Distraction!
- Good is the enemy of the better
- Lk 14:26; Phil 3:7-9
- Focus!



#### Did You Know?

- According to legend, following the Battle of Marathon, a young runner name Pheidippides ran back to Athens to tell them of the Persian defeat.
- He ran non-stop for 26 miles from Marathon to Athens.
- Upon reaching Athens he proclaimed, "Nike!" (victory) and then fell dead.
- This is why modern day marathons are run at 26.2 miles.



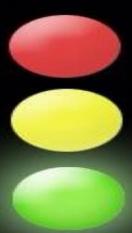




Christian had a book, the Bible, in hand and a great burden, the weight of worldly cares and concerns, on back. By the guidance of the Bible, Christian wants to leave his hometown, the City of Destruction.

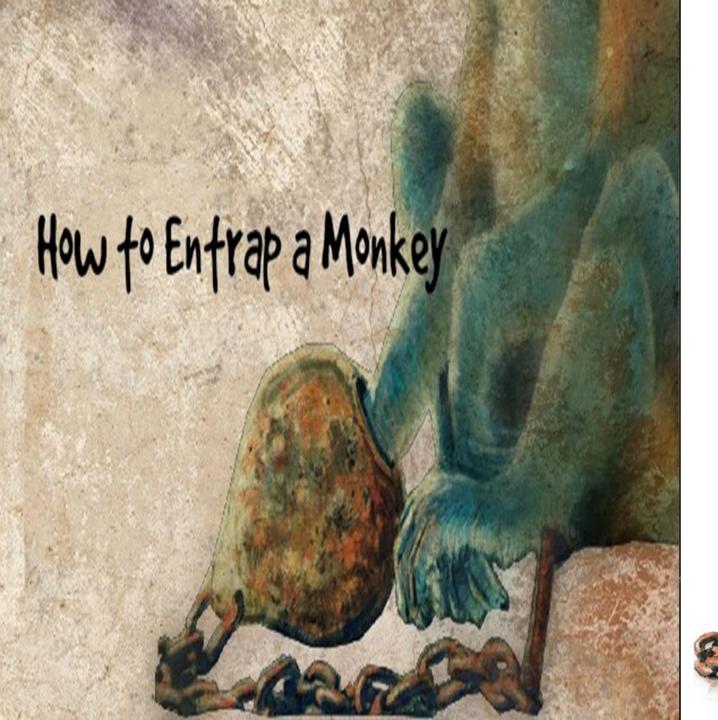
Christian looks for a way of escape outside the City of Destruction.

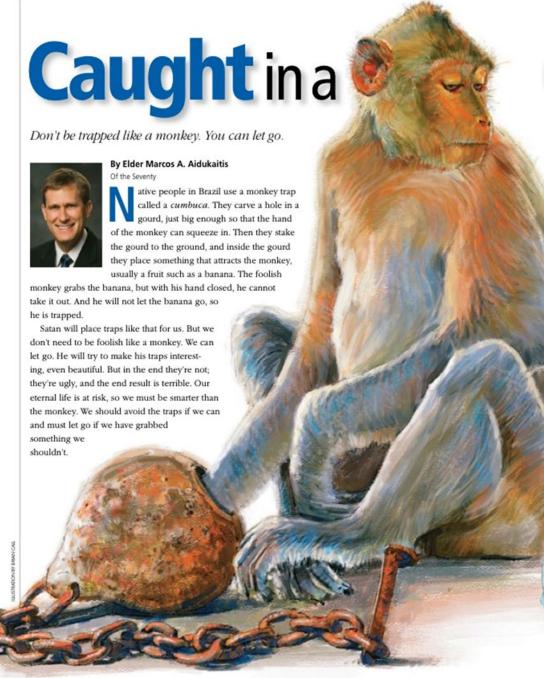
# IF IT STOPS YOU FROM GETTING CLOSER TO GOD THEN IT NEEDS TO GO.



# "besetting sin"?

- "the sin which so easily entangles us"
- Ensnares, trips us up, clings
- Ps 19:13 Also keep Your servant back from presumptuous [sins;] let them not rule over me





# BE KILLING OR SIN WILL BE KILLING -JOHN OWEN-

# THE CHRISTIAN'S WAR AGAINST SIN WHY DOES SIN ENSNARE US?



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## Run with endurance!

- Run with discipline
- Run with abandon
- Run with focus
- Run with \_\_\_\_\_



# Fixing our Eyes

- What did the Palm Sunday crowd see?
   What do you see?
  - God humbling Himself
  - Christ, fulfilling all righteousness
  - Jesus sacrificing Himself
    - FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS!
  - Love selflessly displayed, endures



## **Author and Finisher**

- The disciples believed in Jesus
  - John 6
  - Matthew 16
  - Matthew 26
  - Luke 24



## Jesus endures, we win!

- We tend to overestimate our love and underestimate His!
- "Whom Jesus loved"!
- You can kill Love, But it Rises Again!

