

A MAN and HIS GOD

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"Growing With God"

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.

Hebrews 12:1-3

SUMMARY:

Growing with God is an ongoing process, not an event. It's about keeping our focus, preserving, and not being distracted from the goal(s). The man that is growing with God is not sidetracked by the opposition.

Notes:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question: What interruptions in life hinder you from focusing on your relationship with God?

- Are my goals/purpose in line with God's plan for my life?
- Do you feel you have a grasp on God's purpose for your life?
- How do you feel in running life's race? (lagging back in the pack, gasping for air, waiting for the second wind, cruising in good shape, or other?) Do I ever feel like quitting or giving up, and how do I get back on track?

APPLICATION:

Examples: Pray daily, have quiet time, read and meditate on God's word. This week identify the obstacles in your relationship with God and others. Take 5 minutes each day to review/clarify your life goals. Write yourself notes of encouragement and post them in view at work or home. Spend one minute each day looking at a picture of Christ.

ON YOUR OWN...

Scriptures: Phil. 3: 12-16
1Cor. 9: 24-27
Rms. 5: 1-5
Phil. 2: 12-13
Acts 20:24
2 Tim. 4:7&8

