

GOING FOR GOLD

3. CORRECTING OUR SIGHT

“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.² 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.³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” Hebrews 12:1-3 (NIV)

We All Have A Race To Run

“...let us run...”

1. Jesus must be the _____ of our _____.

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Jesus is the “author” of our faith _____

Jesus is the “perfecter” of our faith _____

Jesus was **compelled** by “joy” _____

Jesus was **authenticated** by his “throne” _____

2. Jesus is our source of _____ and _____.

³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

Jesus provides **strength** to endure life’s unbearable situations _____

Jesus provides **encouragement** to keep running for the prize _____

Personal Evaluation: (prayerfully take a few minutes to consider)

What issues in my life divert my focus away from Jesus?

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What situations in my life are making me weary and discouraged??

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Prayer:

Father in Heaven, thank you for Jesus the author and perfecter of my faith. Thank you that Jesus has provided for me in every way. I now choose to take my focus off of myself and my “issues” and I choose to turn my eyes towards Jesus; the love he has for me; the forgiveness he has given me, and the heavenly home he is preparing for me. In Jesus name I receive his encouragement and strength today. I agree with God’s word that says: *I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.* Thank you for your peace, provision, strength, and care. Oh how I long to see you face to face. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.