

The Race

Hebrews 12:1-11



The Context



Hebrews 2:1

Therefore **we must pay much closer attention**
to what we have heard, **lest we drift away** from it.



Hebrews 5:11-12

¹¹ About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since **you have become dull of hearing.** ¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, **you need someone to teach you again the basic principles** of the oracles of God. **You need milk, not solid food,**



Hebrews 5:13-14

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More Context



Hebrews 11

(The Great Hall of Faith)

- The universe itself is a witness of God
- Abel is a witness
- Enoch
- Noah
- Abraham
- Sarah
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Joseph
- The parents of Moses
- Moses
- Crossing the Red Sea
- The walls of Jericho
- Rahab (and much more)



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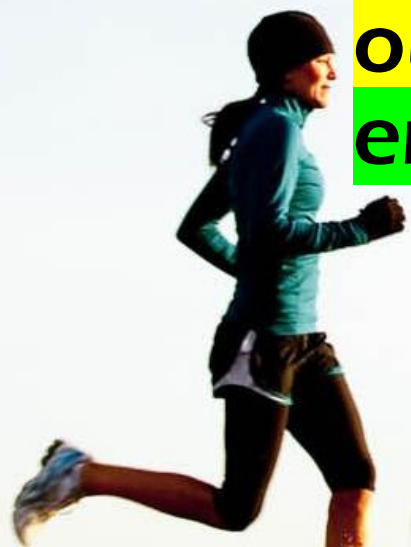
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- **The race (fatigue, weariness)**
- **Hostility and persecution by sinners**
- **God's loving discipline**



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Take Action

John 8:36 *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

