

On Your Mark

Ready - Part 1

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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ²We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God’s throne. ³Think of all the hostility He endured from sinful people; then you won’t become weary and give up. ... ¹²So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. ¹³Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.”
Hebrews 12:1-3, 12-13 (NLT)

“Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.” Hebrews 11:2 (NLT)

*“³²How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets. ³³By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They *became strong* in battle and put whole armies to flight.”* Hebrews 11:32-34 (NLT)

If God has done all of that in the past, even bigger things are ahead in the future!

Eradicate sin.

Finish well.

Stay focused on Jesus.

Corrie Ten Boom: “If the devil cannot make us bad, he will make us busy.”

Clarify what is most important and regrip on it.

Know God

Find Community

Make a Difference

Skyi: “It is hard for me to put into words how the last few months have changed me, but they have. I really didn't think much about participating in First Steps, but that class in combination with baptism has been a game changer. I don't feel like I'm living in the shadows at church anymore. I feel seen, which in turn has a different effect on how I perceive the message. It's crazy, but it's real.”

What bold step of faith do you need to take today?