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## A call to endure – Pt 3 Consider Jesus and endure for the joy set before you

This is our third study on the call to endure. In our previous teaching we established three points from the scriptures – (1) endure afflictions, (2) endure persecutions, and (3) endure tribulations. In this study we establish three additional points – (1) Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith (i) who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, endured such contradiction of sinners, endured being smitten of God, afflicted, He bore our sin, grief, sorrows and chastisement, and (2) put aside every weight of sin and run the race set before us with patience, and (3) when we sin endure God's chastisement.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

### 1. Look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith –

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (Heb.12: 2).

i) Who for the joy set before him **endured** the cross

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ii) **Endured** such contradiction of sinners

“For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds” (Heb.12: 3).

iii) He endured being smitten of God, afflicted, grief, sorrows and chastisement – Is. 53: 4).

### 2. Therefore, put aside every weight of sin & run the race set before us

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” (Heb.12: 1).

### 3. When we sin – endure God's chastisement

“If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?” (Heb.12: 7).

Illustration to help apply the teaching to our life.

“Considering the stiff competition, the 100-mile Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc might be the ‘easiest’ race on the list of the world’s top ten most gruelling, and insane endurance races” – “Given that it attracts more than 2,500 competitors annually, it’s also the least exclusive. Sure, it requires tackling 30,000 feet of technical, ever-changing terrain. But, athletes are rewarded with stunning views while trekking around Mont Blanc through Italy, Switzerland, and France.” From – <https://www.themanual.com/travel/most-insane-endurance-races/>

Question to think about.

i) With endurance comes reward, what was the reward for our Saviour?

ii) What is our reward when we run the race that is set before us with patience?

Our answer from the scriptures.

i) For enduring the cross the Lord Jesus Christ received the “joy that was set before him”. And that joy was – sit “down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb.10: 12, Col 3:1). Wow!!

ii) Our reward for enduring the race is– a) rejoicing – (Phil.2 :16) and eternal life. Let us consider, let us look unto Jesus Christ our example of suffering and put aside every weight of sin, and run the race, enduring all things for the joy set before us.