

## *Fellowship Group Homework and Discussion*

### **Getting Started**

1. Think of difficulties that you have faced in your life. Do those times make you feel like you want to give up, like a runner hitting the wall in a marathon? Why or why not? What has kept you from giving up in the past?
  
2. What one point sticks out in your mind from last week's sermon?

### **Going Deeper**

3. Read Hebrews 12:12-13. Verse 12 lists two things that runners experience when fatigued. What are some of the spiritual signs that you have experienced when fatigued?
  
4. Tired runners can run a crooked path. What distractions can lead you to getting off track in your Christian walk?
  
5. What does it look like when you are running straight?

6. Read Hebrews 12:14. Is there anybody that you do not have peace with at this moment? Is there anything you can do to help bring that about?
  
7. Through difficulty, is there any area of growth in holiness that God is showing you that needs to be made? Describe this area and what needs to be done.
  
8. Read Hebrews 12:15. God's grace allows us to grow in difficulty. What do we need to do in our hearts to accept God's grace to grow in the midst of God's discipline?
  
9. It is easy to allow a root of bitterness to grow up during times of discipline. How do we protect our hearts and not allow this to occur?
  
10. Read Hebrews 12:16-17 and Genesis 25:29-34. What is the connection between sexual immorality and Esau's sin?
  
11. What pleasures can tempt you to despise God's discipline and accept this pleasure instead? What can you do to protect your heart from Esau's sin?

12. A key purpose of our Fellowship Groups is to provide accountability. To help with that, discuss the following questions:

- Have you been making it a regular priority to attend a Sunday morning worship service?
- Have you been faithful in making Fellowship Group attendance a top priority?
- Are you praying regularly for the members of your Fellowship Group?
- Are you caring for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those in your Fellowship Group?
- Are you taking steps to become more transparent with your Fellowship Group?
- Are you serving regularly in one area of ministry, preferably in your area of giftedness?
- Are you maintaining your Oikos list?
- Are you praying regularly for your Oikos list?
- What have you done this last week to reveal God to at least one member of your Oikos?



## **A Life of Faith**

### **Part 10: Finish the Race**

Hebrews 12:12-17

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1. Run Straight (12:12-13)
2. Strive for the Results of God's Discipline (12:14)
3. Condition Your Heart for God's Discipline (12:15)
4. Do Not Forsake the Pain of Discipline for Temporary Pleasure (12:16-17)