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**Hebrews 10:32-39** <sup>32</sup> Remember the earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings. <sup>33</sup> Sometimes you were publicly exposed to taunts and afflictions, and at other times you were companions of those who were treated that way. <sup>34</sup> For you sympathized with the prisoners<sup>1</sup> and accepted with joy the confiscation of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves have a better and enduring possession. <sup>35</sup> So don't throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

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**Hebrews 10:32-39** <sup>36</sup> For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised. <sup>37</sup> For in yet a very little while, the Coming One will come and not delay. <sup>38</sup> But My righteous one<sup>1</sup> will live by faith; and if he draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him. <sup>39</sup> But we are not those who draw back and are destroyed, but those who have faith and obtain life.

HEBREWS 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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**Hebrews 12:1-3** <sup>NIV</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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2. The command in the sentence is **KEEP ON RUNNING**. This emphasizes, and urges: **persistent... daily... running**.

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3. Our race is to be run with **endurance**.

- **Hupomone**: steadfast endurance / perseverance
- steadfast **adherence** to a course of action in spite of difficulties and testings

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4. Let us run the race **marked out** for us.

It has been planned by our sovereign God.

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5. Run having put away every weight and **having put away the sin** that so easily entangles us.

**Unbelief** is the sin being addressed here.

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**Look at every detail of the crucifixion and add up all that Christ endured to provide salvation for us.**

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Rejection	+ betrayal	+ conspiracy
+ traps	+ accusation	+ antagonism
+ attack	+ arrest	+ hands bound
+ secret interrogation	+ deserted by friends	+ disowned by friends
+ unjust trial	+ no sleep	+ false evidence
+ spit upon	+ slapped in face	+ struck by fists
+ mistreated	+ rejected	+ flogged
+ no food	+ no water	+ mocked
+ Innocent but accused as guilty Innocent	+ crown of thorns	+ Struck on head again & again
+ Beaten	+ ridiculed	+ Robe ripped off
+ Hands nailed	+ Feet nailed	+ Exhaustion
+ Dehydration	+ asphyxiation	= <b>SALVATION!</b>

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- \*Gives us the perspective of **how small** our suffering actually is when compared to what Christ suffered
- \* Shows the magnitude of **how costly** our salvation was to Christ.
- \* Prompts the **right attitudes** that we want.
- (awe, gratitude, love, faith, hope...)

