

Questions

1. What do we learn from the yearning of our ancestors for something better (for example, read Hebrews 11:8-10, 13-16)? What will your children and/or the next generation learn from what they seeing you desiring?
2. Read Hebrews 12:1. What does the metaphor of the long-distance race teach us about living by faith in Jesus Christ? What is one hindrance that you are prone to carry around that keeps you from running that race with greater faith and endurance?
3. Read Ephesians 4:20-28. Do you see the pattern of putting off old sinful ways, renewing your thinking after God's truth, and putting on new ways of righteousness? How would you apply that pattern to an area of temptation that you've recently battled? Why are new ways of thinking, desiring, speaking, and acting so important that we can't simply settle for stopping our sin (consider the thief example)?
4. What does it mean that Jesus despised the shame of the cross? How might you apply that to an area of your life, whereby you would count obedience to the Lord as supremely better than any shame or humiliation you might face from man?
5. Is the resurrected Jesus the "something better" that you are trying to train yourself to look for in everything? How can you better set your eyes on Him and grow your heart's yearning for Him?

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Something Better

Hebrews 11:39–12:2

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The writer of Hebrews holds out to his weary readers a glorious prize that awaits all who, by God's grace, run the race of faith through all of life's hardships. And that great prize is rooted in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

1. **Looking Back – Our ancestors in faith who yearned for "something better," but who died while still waiting for the full knowledge and experience of it (11:39-40).**

2. The Long-Distance Race of Faith (12:1)

**3. Something Better: The prize and the One who
already ran the race (12:2)**

Hindrances that weigh down

Sins that easily entangle