LIVING BY FAITH

Scripture: Hebrews 12: 1-2

Intro:

Video: The Revival of 1857 The Grand Awakening North American Mission Board Youtube about two and half minutes.

We live by faith by focusing on Jesus!

Background: This chapter continues the teaching on faith. Verses 1-3 are the climax of loyalty to Christ. The picture is of a great amphitheater with the audience being the heroes of faith that have gone before us. They look on as we run the race of faith.

1. LIVING BY FAITH MEANS JESUS IS MY HIGHEST VALUE vs. 1,2

“lay aside every weight and sin” What is it that hinders us from running the race? What has more value to us than Jesus?

“run the race set before us” God has a specific way he wants to use us. Know your race. Wrong race leads to wrong place with wrong pace.

“with endurance” marathon It’s the distance not how good we look.

1. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE vs. 2

“looking to Jesus”

“the founder” pioneer Jesus gave us our faith : Two examples:

“perfecter” Jesus matures our faith. Not easy!

How was his faith perfected?

“He endured the cross”

“For the joy that was set before him.” Satisfaction of accomplishing the Father’s will.

“at the right hand of the throne of God” full participation in God’s glory.