

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — February 4, 2024

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Teaching Pastor.

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 - ⇒ Faith *welcomes* and *sides* with God’s people, [v. 31](#)
 - ◇ Overcoming Opposition, [vv. 32-35a](#)
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 - ◇ Suffering & Death, [vv. 35b-38](#)
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What is “Therefore” there for? ([Hebrews 12:1](#))

The words are to invoke for the this Jewish community, a metaphor for the life in Christ:

- the Graeco-Roman athlete — the individual Christian,
- arena — the heavenly realm,
- and spectators — the host of the faithful,
e.g., those identified in [Hebrews 11](#).

“Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish for spiritual things then its is sin for you, however innocent it may be in itself,” *Susanna Wesley*, mother of *John* and *Charles Wesley*, well-known evangelist and hymnwriter, respectively.

See [Hebrews 5:7-9](#) and [Romans 15:3](#)

Keep your eyes, mind, heart on Jesus. So when faced with opposition, do not (first) grow weary and (then) lose heart.

Paul’s encouragement to Timothy, I’ve run the race, so should you.
([2 Timothy 4:6-8](#))

So, “run, Christian, run!” and run so as to win!

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