

Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — February 11, 2024

Sermon Notes

Last Week: “Run, Christian, Run,” [Hebrews 12:1-3](#) by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Isaiah 40:28-31](#); New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 12:1-3](#)

“Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish for spiritual things then it 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.

- 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!

This Week: “Great Difficulty: God’s Discipline,” [Hebrews 12:4-11](#), by Brandon Harris, Teaching Pastor.

Old Testament Reading: [Proverbs 3:5-12](#); New Testament Reading: [Hebrews 12:1-11](#)

Key messages of Hebrews chapters 1-10

Jesus is supreme over everything!

- Final revelation of God
- Ultimate hope of rest
- Eternal high priest
- Perfect sacrifice.

Hebrews Chapter 11: “Hall of Faith”: — Example *acts* of faith

Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and Rahab

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Endure and learn from God, the Father's discipline is what a good father would do.

([Proverbs 13:24](#))

But why me? ([1 Peter 1:13-16](#); [Leviticus 11:44, 45](#); [Leviticus 19:2](#))

Jesus embraced his humanity and, therefore, learned obedience and was perfected by his suffering. ([Hebrews 5:8](#); [1 Peter 2:21](#))

Each must face the reality of the pain of discipline, but embrace the eternal reward.

([Romans 8:18-29a](#))

You have to make your mindset to view ALL THINGS in your life — the good, the bad, and the ugly — as part of the process.

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