

The Book of Hebrews
The Endurance of Faith
Hebrews 12:1-13 (page 844)

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We are to run the race of faith with endurance
(Heb 12:1-13)

- Self-discipline is necessary to run the race effectively (vs 1-3)
 - We are to be prepared (v 1)
 - We are to be focused
(v 2; John 1:1-3; Col 1:16-17; Eph 1:9-10; 2:8-9; Phil 1:6)
 - We are to be willing to go the distance (v 3)

- Adversity in the Christian life is often divine discipline (Heb 12:4-13)
 - God's discipline keeps us from quitting
(vs 4-5; Prov 3:11-12)
 - God's discipline proves our sonship (vs 6-8)
 - God's discipline is for our benefit (vs 9-11)

- Mutual encouragement is to be the on-going work of the church (Heb 12:12-13)
 - Being strengthened by God's discipline, we become a blessing to others (vs 12-13)