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## Let Us Run the Race

[Hebrews 12: 1-3](#)

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Not so long ago, I was running around trying to find the perfect gifts, the right wrapping paper and matching ribbon. Planning the Christmas tree and Nativity lighting and caroling, add some work on the Children's Christmas program and Jesus's birthday candle light service.

I felt like I was running a race. Yes, a race...

But reaching the finish line for this race was a blessing to me, because it led us to Christmas and being able to share the birth of Jesus with everyone. God's gift to us all.

As Easter approaches, and we are in the Lenten season, it may seem like a race again. There are lots of things to be done.

Ash Wednesday, Lenten lunches, music, dramas and all the services for Holy Week. Still flowers to get and Sunrise breakfast to prepare. And NOW. It's Easter Sunday. This all sounds so hectic, but just remember to focus on Jesus.

We all know the Easter story and how Jesus gave his life for us -- all of us. Jesus loves us so much that he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins.

We run a race every day, but we are not alone. Jesus is always by our side. We need to keep our eyes on Him, and He will see us through the bad stuff.

There will be things that get in our way, and it will not be easy. So keep your faith in Jesus. Stay focused and remember where this race will take you. It's taking us to Jesus.

Jesus is our example of life lived by faith. Follow Him.

*Prayer: Dear Jesus, sometimes life is difficult. Help us to keep our eyes on you, and to run the race that is before us. In Jesus we pray. Amen*

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