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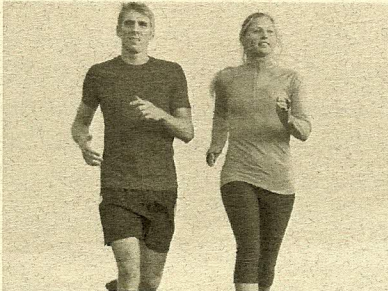
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Let Us Run the Race

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).



BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME OF OUR DEPARTURE FROM THIS LIFE, THERE IS A "RACE" THAT HAS TO BE RUN. And frankly, the image of a race is mainly an image of pain. Anyone who has ever run a footrace of any distance knows that before the end finally comes, every muscle in the runner's body cries out for relief. And the longer the race, the more tempting it is to simply quit running.

A great cloud of witnesses. When we run as God's people, we are doing something that many, many others have done before us. And the writer of Hebrews describes those who've gone before as a "great cloud of witnesses," a stadium full of supportive spectators cheering us onward with the hearty cry, "You can do it!"

Lay aside every weight. In addition to supporters, we also happen to have a spiritual adversary whose purpose it is to defeat us. We must not let him have his way. The "sin which so easily ensnares us" must be laid aside. It's a very simple matter. Either we decide to lay

