



RUNNING THE RACE

"Pursue the Pattern"

Hebrews 12:1-3

January 3, 2020 AM Service

Step #1 Identify the Standard of Commitment

The Great American Question:

What's the least I have to do to survive?

The Hebrews Hall of Faith...Hebrews 11

Abel be right with God Hebrews 11:4

Enoch walk with God to please God
Hebrews 11:5

Noah be radically obedient when opposed
Hebrews 11:7

Abraham unconditionally surrender to His will
Hebrews 11:8, 17-19

Sarah be strengthened by His promise
Hebrews 11:11

These all maintain a Heavenly focus Hebrews 11:13-16

Isaac, Jacob Trust God & His Plan even when it doesn't
Joseph make sense Hebrews 11:20-22

Parents be willing to risk for the right things
Hebrews 11:23

Moses refuse to compromise your convictions
Hebrews 11:24-27

Rahab be courageous: swim upstream
Hebrews 11:30-31

Others live with reckless abandon
Hebrews 11:32-38

Can we afford to lower the standard?

The Standard is set: It's time to raise the bar!!!

Our Response:

1. When you think of a race what comes to mind? How is the Christian walk like a race in your mind?
2. Have you ever asked or wondered in a situation: What is the least amount I can get by with? Why did you think that way & what happened?
3. How have you seen that question played out in your Christian walk? What effect does that have on your growth as a Christ Follower if you do only the least?
4. As you look at the Hall of the Faithful and the commitments they made, which one(s) of these challenge you and what change what you need to make?
5. How can you raise the bar in your walk with the Lord in this new year? What's a specific step that you can take this year to do that?

