

**Text: Hebrews 12:1**

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**BY FAITH**

1. The proposal that we should live by faith has been strongly made (Hebrews 11:1)

- a) By definition Hebrews 11:1
- b) By design Hebrews 11:6
- c) By citing many examples Hebrews 11

2. The logical progression

- a) Therefore Hebrews 12:1 Indicated by the word “therefore” ( a strong inferential particle was employed)
- b) Indicating that action must be taken

3. The presentation

- a) We are surrounded
- b) By a great cloud of witnesses
- c) All testify of possibility of living by faith effectively

4. A practical and candid consideration

- a) Let us lay aside every weight
  - i) Impediment
  - ii) Encumbrance
  - iii) Hindrance
- b) And the sin that so easily ensnares us
  - i) It is differentiated from “weight”
  - ii) It is an actual sin problem
  - iii) It is unspecified
  - iv) Each one has his own special area of weakness that must be addressed

5. Let us run

- a) A race is in mind
- b) Endurance/ perseverance
- c) This is race of faith and life

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

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