

SUCCEEDING IN THE RACE OF LIFE

1. The words of the Lord Jesus come to mind
"Follow Me" Mark 1:17

2. The Person of Jesus as well
"Looking unto Jesus" Hebrews 12:1

- a) Intent look
- b) Fixed look
- c) At the Lord Jesus Christ

3. A special description of the Lord Jesus

- a) The author of our faith
- b) The finisher of our faith

4. Significance of this special description

- a) The author
 - i) Our faith originates with the Lord
 - ii) Look at the way He taught the disciples how to have faith
- b) The finisher
 - i) How at how He helped build the faith of the disciples
 - ii) Look at how the faith of the disciples stood out at the end

5. The example of the Lord Jesus

- a) He taught His disciples how to take up the cross
- b) Look at how He took up His cross

6. The heart and mind of the Lord Jesus

- a) There was the joy that was set before Him
- b) He endured the cross
- c) Despised the shame

7. Look at the end result

- a) Has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God
- b) He succeeded

8. Our challenge

- a) To believe that we too can succeed in our faith-life
- b) Our part is to keep looking up to the Lord Jesus Christ

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finishers of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
Hebrews 12:2*