STAY THE COURSE

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us . . .

— Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)



PRAY

- Thank God for an answered prayer this week.
- Thank Jesus for dying on the cross and giving you new life.
- Pray to hear, receive, and live out the truth that God can empower you to stay the course no matter your situation.

MEDITATE

Engage



Start the conversation with this question...

Share one new year's resolution or faith goal you have for this year.

Key Points

Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Because of Jesus' death on the cross, we can stay the course this year in spite of hardships.
- On the cross, Jesus gave us His forgiveness, presence, and victory.
- With God's forgiveness, we are justified and can have a fresh start.
- With God's presence, we have new hope and constant access to God.
- With God's victory, we can walk in freedom against sin and triumph over the schemes of the enemy.

Discuss Together (pick at least one)

- What is something that may be hindering you from staying the course when things get tough?
- What's one prayer you're still waiting on God to answer? How can the group encourage and pray for you?

PROCLAIM

Declare this truth based on your identity in Christ

Key Truth

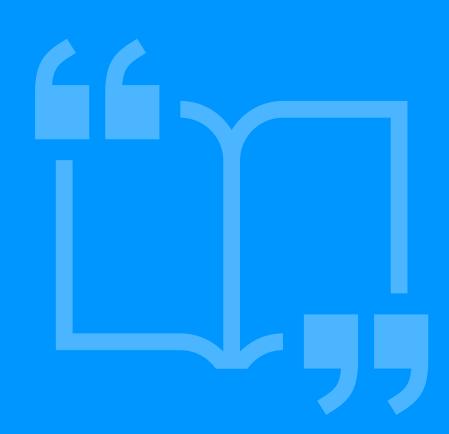
In Christ, I can stay the course and hope in God's presence and unfailing love.

Pray Together (pick at least one)

- Pray for one another to stay the course with Jesus no matter what you'll face this year.
- Pray for one another to live with faith and peace rather than fear.
- Pray for each other's prayer requests.

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... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

— Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)