



# Hebrews

**Chapter 12:1-4**

**The just shall live by faith**

(Hebrews 10:38 – quoting Habakkuk 2:4)

# Faith in action (see Hebrews 11)...

Abel...

Enoch...

Noah...

Abraham & Sarah...

Isaac...

Jacob...

Joseph...

Amram & Jochebed...

Moses...

Joshua...

Rahab...

Gideon...

Barak...

Samson...

Jephthah...

Samuel...

David...

The prophets...



**The just have always  
lived by faith**



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**Therefore...**

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Therefore we also,  
since we are surrounded  
by so great a cloud of witnesses...

A multitude

μάρτυς [*martyrs*]  
= a witness

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run,  
but only one receives the prize?

**So run that you may obtain it.**

(1 Corinthians 9:24)





***Therefore we also...***

There is one body and one Spirit ...  
**one Lord, one faith, one baptism,**  
one God and Father of all,  
who is over all and through all and in all.  
(Ephesians 4:4-6)

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I want to run  
but it's hard...



...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...

Beware, brethren,  
lest there be in any of you  
an evil heart of unbelief  
in departing from the living God;  
(Hebrews 3:12)



# The race that is set before us...

Matthew 6:24

✓ We are to be fully engaged in it

Luke 13:24

✓ It requires effort

2 Timothy 2:5

✓ We must follow the set course

2 Peter 1:5-8

✓ We will be making progress

“I have fought the good fight,  
**I have finished the race,**  
I have kept the faith.”

(2 Timothy 4:7)

✓ We must persevere to the finish

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Turning your eyes away  
from other things  
and fixing them on Him

...looking unto Jesus,  
the author and finisher of our faith...

*archēgos* = “chief leader”  
pioneer, example

...or “the faith”

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*I will declare Your name to My brethren;  
In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.*  
(Psalm 22:22)

...who for the joy that was set before Him  
endured the cross, despising the shame...

*Shall I not drink the cup  
which My Father has given Me?*  
(John 18:11)

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The LORD said to my Lord,  
*“Sit at My right hand,  
Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”*  
(Psalm 110:1)

...and has sat down  
at the right hand of the throne of God.

“Ask of Me, and I will give You  
The nations for Your inheritance,  
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.”  
(Psalm 2:8)

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Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,  
that we may obtain mercy  
and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:16)

Consider Him who endured  
such hostility from sinners against Himself,  
lest you become weary  
and discouraged in your souls.

*“To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne,  
as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.”*

(Revelation 3:21)



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You have not yet resisted to bloodshed,  
striving against sin.

# You have not yet resisted to bloodshed...



## Pastor Sprayed with Acid in Ambush in Kampala, Uganda

December 30, 2022 By Our East Africa Correspondent

NAIROBI, Kenya (Morning Star News) – A pastor has lost nearly all his vision after Muslim extremists lured him into an ambush in Uganda’s capital city and sprayed him with acid, sources said. Pastor Frank Mutabaazi of Mbarara can see only dimly out of one eye and has trouble eating and talking due to the burns [...]

## Fulani Herdsmen Kill Christians in Benue State, Nigeria

20-year-old wounded in attack that killed her father, mother and sister.

December 27, 2022 By Our Nigeria Correspondent - [Leave a Comment](#)

ABUJA, Nigeria (Morning Star News) – Fulani herdsmen on Dec. 17 killed three Christians as they worked on their farm in Benue state, Nigeria, sources said.

“The three affected victims, who were males and Christians, were killed a farm” in Adaka village, Guma County, said Paul Hembra, special adviser to the Benue state governor on security matters. “The



## Sikh in India Leads Pastor into Knife Attack

Church leader works as taxi driver.

November 6, 2022 By Our Southern India Correspondent - [Leave a Comment](#)

HYDERABAD, India (Morning Star News) – A Christian pastor in northern India who drives a taxi for a living didn’t think he had anything to fear when a well-mannered Sikh asked him to take a slight detour.

Pastor Sukhdev Mark, 47, had dropped him off the previous night at a hotel in Ambala, Haryana state after picking him up from a *gurdwara*, or Sikh place of worship. During their conversation, Pastor Mark gave him a gospel tract, which the Sikh politely



## Pastor in Laos Was Tortured and Killed, Sources Say

Christian was leader of officially recognized church.

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(Morning Star News) – The body of a pastor with an officially recognized church in Laos was found last month with signs that he was tortured and killed for his faith, area sources said. Christian leaders and police in central Laos’ Khammouane Province believe Pastor Seetoud, who went by a single name, was killed for [...]



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- We know the way
- It can be tough
- It will end well

*all*  
Let us run  
^  
with endurance,  
looking unto Jesus

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