



THE SIN THAT EASILY ENTANGLES

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OH, HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

2 SAMUEL 1:27

- David mourning Saul and Jonathan – anointed men who fell (Saul's pride, ego and desire to please men)
- Moses' anger – Exodus 17:6
- David's adultery
- Jeremiah's discouragement – Jeremiah 12:5 (called to race with horses)
- Elijah's discouragement and accusation – Am no better than my fathers
- We all have a sin that easily entangles us...



THE GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES HEBREWS 11

All were great men and women
of God, weak in flesh but
managed to do great things for
God – by faith...

HEBREWS 12:1-2

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, 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, ² looking unto Jesus, the [a]author and [b]finisher 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.



LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

The weights that we carry...weights are things that we carry, that we think we need for the journey, but are unnecessary, that we do not really need...and slow us down or hinder us from our goals

- bitterness/anger/heartbreaks
- Unforgiveness
- Selfish ambitions / accumulation of unnecessary wealth or certifications / education
- Wrong relationships

LAY ASIDE THE SIN THAT EASILY ENTANGLES

Sins that easily entangle us attack our personal areas of weakness in moments of weakness

- e.g. Elijah wanted to give up and die, after a great miracle – he wanted people to know that God had sent him, and when they didn't, he went to accuse them to God...
- David fell at a time of weakness
- Sins include the 'fruit of the flesh' (Galatians 5:19-21)
- I have hidden your word in my heart (Psalms 119:11)

LOOKING TO JESUS ... (NUMBERS 21:6-9)

- The Author of our Faith - the source (originator) of our faith
- The Perfector (finisher) of our Faith - purifies our faith, makes it real, makes it bear fruit like the great cloud of witnesses
- The joy set before Him - Showed extreme focus on his goal - his joy of seeing us saved, delivered, restored...
- Endured the cross - went through every pain, with hope...
- Despised shame - did not look to the glory of men...
- Sat at the right hand of God - now exalted and glorified

