

The Invisible War
Hebrews 11: 33- 12:4 NLT
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Four Things We Must Do When We Feel Like Giving Up

1. Remember Heaven is Watching Me! (Hebrews 12:1)
 - a. Your life has an audience. (2 Chronicles 16:9)
 - b. These witnesses are not criticizing you but cheering you on.
2. Get Rid of What Slows Me Down (Hebrews 12:1)
 - a. Weight- good things that slow you down. If the devil can't tempt you to sin, he will make you busy.
 - b. Sin – words, thoughts and actions that trip you up. Not doing the right thing (James 4:17)
3. Run God's Race for Me, Not Other People's Race (Hebrews 12:1)
 - a. God does not promise you the strength to run someone else's race.
 - b. What are my spiritual gifts? What is my passion? What am I gifted to do? What do I love to do?
4. Focus on Jesus, not my circumstances. (Hebrews 12:2)
 - a. "If you look to the world you'll be distressed, if you look within you'll be depressed, if you look to Christ you'll be at rest" Corrie Ten Boom
 - b. When Jonah was in the belly of the whale "When I had lost all hope, I once again turned my thoughts to the Lord." Jonah 2:7
 - c. Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame for the joy set before Him.