

# Listening Guide

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2015

Text: Hebrews 12:12-17

Series: Race to the Finish



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## Laying Aside Every Weight and Sin

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**Proverbs 4:25-27 – Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure. Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil.**

### Review:

- Run the Race we were “Re-born” to Run (12:1-3)
- Persecution: God’s “Re-formative” Training Plan (12:4-11)
- Context: Hebrews 10:32-34

### Galatians 5:7-9

**Sermon Idea:** In today’s sermon the author gives the church *three prescriptions* that are designed to help us overcome the sidelining consequences of sin.

#### I. Correct That Which is Dislocated (Hebrews 12:12-13)

Lift	—————>	Drooping Hands
Strengthen	—————>	Weak Knees
Make Straight	—————>	Paths for Feet

Be \_\_\_\_\_!

### Galatians 6:1-2

Revelation – Recognize – Repent - Receive

## II. Strive Toward Peace and Holiness (Hebrews 12:14)

### Ecclesiastes 11:4

- a. Strive = Make Every Effort!
  - i. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Strive for \_\_\_\_\_

### 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

## III. See to It That No One Falls Behind (Hebrews 12:15-17)

### See to It:

- a. That No One Fails to Obtain the Grace of God

### Acts 18:26

- b. That No Root of Bitterness Springs Up

### Ephesians 4:31

- c. That No One is Sexually Immoral or Unholy, like Esau

### Genesis 25:29-34



## Application Section

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#### Home Group Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Home groups meet weekly and will provide you an opportunity to review the message, and to apply it to your life personally. Also, thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

(Larger Group)

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

(Smaller Groups)

2. How does a lack of faith (or other "dislocating" sins) keep you from running the race God has laid out before you? In what ways does the Lord use the local church to give "healing" to sidelined members?

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3. How are the following two disciplines indicative of a healthy Christian life (race)?
  - a. Striving (making every effort) to be at peace with God and people?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Striving (making every effort) for holiness (i.e. to be in the flow of God's sanctifying grace; Godward progression)?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How can the following three sins cause an individual believer and an entire congregation to "fall behind?" What can the church do to address them?
  - a. Failing to come alongside (i.e. extend grace) sidelined members?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Allowing a root of "bitterness" to exist and grow?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Tolerating worldly & irreligious behavior from members?

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