

THE FOUNDER AND PERFECTOR OF OUR FAITH

Hebrews 12.1-6 // February 1, 2026

OUR FORERUNNERS AND FANS

Anytime we see the word “therefore,” we should ask ourselves, “what is the word ‘therefore’ *there for?*” This word is always used to connect a *previous thought* to the *next thought*. For us to understand what the author is about to say, we must consider what was just spoken of. He had just gone through the “Hall of Faith” and the examples of suffering and perseverance they endured, and so *in light of that now*, we keep that in mind as he now gives direction to us.

Imagine a sports arena or stadium filled with cheering fans, but these fans aren’t merely spectators, but they are fellow athletes that have already performed at the highest level and obtained their prize. Now, they look upon, cheering you on as you persevere in faith.

1 Corinthians 9.24-27

EYES ON JESUS

While this “cloud of witnesses” is important, awe-inspiring, and motivating for us, it is important to also recognize that they are not the ones that we focus on for our success. Rather, the author tells his listeners that they are to keep their eyes fixed upon Jesus. But consider, this Jesus is *also* not just simply a spectator, and He is also not *only* a coach, but He is “the founder and perfecter of our faith.” He Himself, like those in the crowd, has also gone before us as a fellow athlete, but He has done more than any of us could ever have done.

It is because He has won the *ultimate* victory and perfected the life of faith that we are now able to take credit for His own righteousness, hiding ourselves in Him. It is in Him and through His victory that we are now more than conquerors.

Colossians 2.13-15 // Romans 8.35-39

All our progress and perseverance is from God.

-John Calvin

JESUS’ MOTIVATION

Christ also had motivation and focus. There was a “joy set before Him” that enabled Him to endure the cross and scorn the shame of it.

- Joy set before Him: the forgiveness of sins of those that His Father chose to be His bride
- Cleansing for that bride to make His bride beautiful and spotless
- The enjoyment of that bride for all eternity
- The death and defeat of sin, death, Satan, and all wickedness
- The ultimate glorifying of God Almighty

NOTES:

Announcements:

Community Meal: Today, after service! Join us for some “breakfast for lunch” and fellowship together.

Women’s Gathering: Tomorrow, Feb 2nd, from 7-8:30pm. Carrie Erdos will be hosting and we will be studying the book of James.

This Week’s Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 119.9-16

This Week’s Scripture to Memorize:

1 Timothy 1.15

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We’d love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you’ll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens’ ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not “graduate the faith” when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **Hebrews 12.1-6**. What stands out here or from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How do even the simple words "consider Him" help you frame up and gain perspective on the race that has been set before you? What aspects of the Good News do you find in this section of Scripture that is most helpful for you as you are in this endurance race, especially during times of exhaustion and discouragement?

Your Life Mission

We have all been called to a particular life mission; one that aims to ultimately live out life in the purpose that God has for us, which is to bring attention and glory to Him and His saving love and grace. But this mission is not usually a straight path, but one of ups and downs and switchbacks; none of this can be done in our own strength and wisdom, but instead we look to Jesus, keeping our eyes fixed on Him as one who not only ran the race, but perfected it.

What part of life are you needing encouragement in? How can the others around you be part of the "cloud of witnesses" that can encourage and cheer you on and point you to Jesus? For us to finish this race, we need each other to point us towards the Good News of Jesus, and all of this is a part of equipping us for the work and mission that God has called us to.

Close the Community Group by praying through the pattern of the Lord's Prayer!

THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**

Father, be glorified in _____, let Your Kingdom and will be done, in and through _____ as it is in Heaven.

Give _____ daily bread, and thank You for Your forgiveness. Help _____ to forgive _____, because You are the One who has forgiven us.

Keep _____ eyes fixed on You and Your Word and promises so that _____ may not sin against You. Thank You for and help me trust Your sovereign love.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.

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