

SERMON OUTLINE

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Surviving Disillusionment

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I. The Hebrews & Disillusionment

- A. They were weakening / apathetic (Heb 2:1; 3:12; 6:12; 10:35-36)
- B. Cause? Heb 8:1 - Forgot Jesus: If we forget Jesus we lose our drive

II. What to Do Now? (Change my perspective)

- A. Change the Way You View Your Life (Hebrews 12:1-2).
 - 1. Picture: Runner in amphitheater - "witnesses" - they've run the race you are about to run, suffered, endured, etc.
 - 2. Are you serious about this? Is your perspective off?
 - 3. Look at how Jesus did it.
 - 4. **Application:** Disillusionment, apathy, and sin go together
- B. Change the Way You View Trials (Hebrews 12:3-11).
 - 1. Jesus suffered – endured. We have MORE to suffer!!
 - 2. Trials are a blessing: Teach me that God loves me; Teach me submission to God; Teach me holiness & righteousness; Teach me to focus on the qualities of Christ | Peter 2:23
 - 3. **Application:** Disillusionment means I'm not living for the joy
 - a. Heb 12:3 - consider Jesus...
 - b. Heb 5:7-8 – Faced His trial with obedience – "for the joy"
- C. Change Your View of Others' Weaknesses & Failures (12:12-17).
 - 1. **Look to the solution, don't dwell on the problem** (12:12).
 - a. The reality is: Sometimes I am weak / feeble and sin.
 - b. When others act this way - help them.
 - 2. **Seek to guide not destroy** (12:13).
 - a. Straight paths = "the track of a wheel" [leader]
 - b. So that lame - "not caused to turned away" [follower]
 - c. I am here to guide... not destroy
 - 3. **Run to the relationships, not away from them** (12:14).
 - a. Peace is something at which you WORK.
 - b. Sanctification = "set apart" – don't be like the world
 - 4. **See the bigger picture** (12:15-17).
 - a. Bitterness = keeping score (I've been wronged!!!)
 - b. Similarly: Esau – traded Valuable for Worthless
 - c. There are greater things with which to be concerned.