



“Nitty, Gritty Faith”

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These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised... —Hebrews 11:39

To remain faithful when faith fails...

1. I MUST GET RID OF EVERY _____

Memory verse: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
- Hebrews 12:1*

That includes some spiritually *neutral* _____

*“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but I will not be mastered by anything.”
-1 Corinthians 6:12*

That includes my spiritually *dangerous* _____

“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.” - 1Peter 2:11

2. I MUST STAY FOCUSED ON _____

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Hebrews 12:1,2*

Jesus is my _____

...Christ in you, the hope of glory. —Colossians 1:27

Jesus is my _____

He teaches me about _____ - *For the joy set before him...*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! —Philippians 4:4

He teaches me about _____ *...he endured the cross...*

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ...23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. - 1 Peter 2:21,23

He teaches me about _____ *... sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

3. I MUST GUARD MY _____

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. - Hebrews 12:3

Watch out for _____

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. —Galatians 6:9

Watch out for _____

*The human spirit can endure in sickness, but a crushed spirit who can bear?
—Proverbs 18:14*

Remain faithful even when faith fails, and you’ll discover that faith exceeds your expectations.

(Hindrances, Habits, Sins, Jesus, Hope, Role-Model, Joy, Suffering, Blessing, Heart, Weariness, Discouragement)

My Next Step Today is...

- Memorize Hebrews 12:1
- What are some hindrances to your faith?
- How are you distracted from Jesus?
- How are you distracted from guarding your heart?
- I want to talk to someone about receiving Christ as my Savior.

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