



WEEK 3:

DAY 2:

READ:

Hebrews 12: Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we'd better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on *Jesus*, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's *there*, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility he plowed through. *That* will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

REFLECT:

How can looking at Jesus as your example help you in the storms you are facing in this season of your life? What can you learn from examining the life of Jesus?

PRAY:

Jesus, help me to know You more. Far too often I take for granted the persecution and suffering You endured. Help me to look to You as my focus. Give me the perspective to learn from the example You have given me. I know that most often in life there is always a price to pay for what we want. Help me to focus more on things in life that are worthwhile and then give me the perseverance and endurance to get there.