

## Hebrews Connections 12

**In the beginning...**What truth did the Holy Spirit stir in you through the sermon Sunday?

**Memory Verse:** *“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 12:2 NIV).*

**Let’s dig into the Bible for Truth:**

### Hebrews 12:1 - 3

1. Who are the “great cloud of witnesses”? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How do we avoid becoming “weary...in our minds”? \_\_\_\_\_

### Hebrews 12:4 - 13

1. “Do not lose heart when the Lord disciplines you, BECAUSE the Lord disciplines the one \_\_\_\_\_”.

2. How does the Heavenly Father’s discipline vary from our earthly father’s? \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 12:14 - 17** List three things the author warns the Christian to avoid:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 12:18 - 24** what are some of the ways the “Mountain” of the Church is different from the “Mountain” of Moses’ day: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hebrews 12:25 - 29

1. What must our response be to the One who speaks? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why must we worship with reverence and awe? \_\_\_\_\_

**“But be DOERS of the Word and not hearers only...” James 1:22**

**What Now? Application time:**

1. In what areas of our lives will we be determined to focus on Jesus in our walk of faith this week?
2. In what ways has the Lord lovingly disciplined us and what valuable life lessons have we learned?
3. In our effort to “live at peace with everyone” who are the people, and what are the roots, we will forgive and pluck up today?
4. What are some tangible ways we will live authentic lives of worship in reverence and awe of God this week?

**Summary:** remembering the faith stories of the Bible and fixing our eyes on Jesus we have the encouragement necessary to overcome the battles of life. When accepting the discipline of the Lord we must know: 1) it is an expression of His love, 2) his discipline is not like earthly fathers who did it simply to satisfy themselves, and 3) whatever God has laid on Jesus in His substitutionary work He will not lay on us. His primary way of discipline is spiritual in nature because he is the “Father of spirits” and works from the inside out. He warns us from “falling from Grace” which refers to a state of living lower than Grace has lifted us. Remember it is not by the works of the Law we are righteous, but He insists we live this new life. Just as many things have changed from the O. T. to the N. T. so has changed the description of the presence of God. We had NO access but now we have access to Heaven where angels are; once estranged now we have entrance to His Church; a place of death with fear of dying to a place of life and love with a direct path to God Himself. He is the Judge of all the earth who makes us righteous. We now enter his presence with reverential fear in awe & worship.