

DATE: Saturday-Sunday, August 29-30, 2020

SERIES: *RENEW*

SERMON: Renew Your Determination

Hebrews 12:1-3

[1] 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 perseverance the race that is set before us,

[2] looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

[3] Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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1. Keep your eyes on Jesus.

- We learn how to live faithfully and with perseverance by imitating Jesus.

2. Run with discipline and perseverance.

- What keeps us in the race?

- Scripture
- Prayer
- Encouragement
- The prize before us

3. Don't give up or give in.

- How Satan discourages us:

- "You're the only one running."
- "You're not good enough."
- "No one cares for you."

- How God encourages us:

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Lagniappe

DISASTER RELIEF

Hurricane Laura came ashore early Thursday in Cameron Parish Louisiana. We have all seen the devastation caused by this massive storm. One early report stated that “every structure in Lake Charles has been damaged in some way.” I hope that estimate is too pessimistic.

For those of us who went through Hurricane Katrina, this was a Katrina-like storm and worse. We know what a hurricane like that can do. *Would you join with me in praying, going, and giving for the needs of the people and the churches of Southwest Louisiana?*

We are already in the process of sending disaster relief teams from our church and our area to Southwest Louisiana, primarily in the Lake Charles area. We have both a chainsaw team, clearing roads and removing dangerous trees from houses and driveways, and a mobile kitchen feeding unit. This is hard work and I want to say a big “thank you” to those who are working.

I am thankful for these people who have been trained in this ministry. This will not be the last need. Would you consider attending **our next chainsaw training event which is September 19?**

I am also thankful that our church is part of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, the third largest disaster relief organization in America (behind the Red Cross and the Salvation Army).

Would you join with me in giving for the needs of this area? ***As a church, we are receiving offerings marked “disaster relief.”*** We will give these offerings, plus funds from our regular giving, to help these churches get back on their feet and meet the needs of their people.

I don't have to tell you how difficult this time has been. Not only have they gone through Covid-19, now they are going through Hurricane Laura as well.

Would you join with me in being faithful in meeting the needs of hurting people?

