

# Victory's Voice

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## Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus in 2026!

*Heb 12:1-2 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. KJV*

We will soon be embarking upon a brand-New Year 2026, my prayer for all of us is to enter with confidence, and peace, knowing that Jesus is leading the way. As in any race, Jesus who is the lead runner, wants us to run this race well prepared to deal with the challenges that we all will face. In the above verse v.1, we had others that have run before us, they're known as the great cloud of witnesses, they are mentioned in Hebrews 11, known as the hall of faith. Those believers are our example of how we are to run this race, the race of faith! For by it the elders obtained a good report (Heb.11:2)! The word faith is important for us to grasp, it means in Greek - pistis: belief, trust, confidence, fidelity.

Hebrews 11 chronicles faith's history—from Abel's acceptable worship to the prophets' endurance. Each vignette begins "By faith" and culminates in obedience, underscoring that faith acts "on unseen realities and anchors hope beyond death" (Hebrews 11:13, 39-40).

The bottom line is, as we run this race of faith, we must not carry excess weight with us for it will slow us down and may even defeat us. Another translation NLT puts it like this: *12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, es-*

*pecially the sin that so [easily trips us up]. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. To run with endurance is to run with persistence, stamina, and staying power. To never give up!*

**Question:** What is the sin that so easily trips us up? And how do we run this race with endurance? What are the "weights" that we should remove so that we might win the race? Everything that hinders our progress. They might even be "good things" in the eyes of others. A winning athlete does not choose between the good and the bad; he chooses between the better and the best. We should also get rid of "the sin that so easily entangles" (Heb. 12:1 NIV). While he does not name any specific sin, the writer was probably referring to the sin of unbelief. It was unbelief that kept Israel out of the Promised Land, and it is unbelief that hinders us from entering into our spiritual inheritance in Christ. The phrase "by faith" (or "through faith") is used twenty-one times in Hebrews 11, indicating that it is faith in Christ that enables us to endure.

How do we run this race with endurance?  
*Heb 12:2-4 2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. 3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. 4 After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. NLT*

Until the trumpet sounds, 1 Thess. 4:13-18

*Pastor George*

# Happy New Year!

## YOU ARE GOD'S TREASURE

The Word says, "And an adulteress will prey upon his precious life" (Proverbs 6:26). The adulteress spoken of in this verse is Satan—and he hunts down those who are precious to God.

The Bible gives us a vivid illustration of this in Numbers 13 and 14. Israel had sent twelve spies to search out the Promised Land. When the spies returned after forty days, ten of them planted three lies in the hearts of God's people:

1. "There are too many people in the land. They are too strong for us."
2. "The cities are walled too high. The strongholds are impregnable."
3. "There are giants in the land, and we are no match for them. We're helpless, finished!"

These lies took the heart right out of Israel. Scripture says the people endured a night of despair. "So all the congregation lifted up their voices and cried, and the people wept that night" (Numbers 14:1). More than 2 million people were weeping, wailing, moaning—focused completely on their weaknesses and inabilities.

Beloved, the devil still lies to God's people today. He whispers, "Your trials and temptations are too overwhelming. You are too weak to resist the power coming against you."

The word that God spoke to Israel is for us today: "You shall be a special treasure to Me above all people: for all the earth is Mine" (Exodus 19:5). "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure" (Deuteronomy 14:2).

Joshua and Caleb had a revelation of their preciousness in God's eyes. They said, "Because He delights in us, the land is as good as ours" (see Numbers 14:8).

David had the same revelation: "He deliv-

ered me because He delighted in me" (Psalm 18:19). Likewise, every victorious Christian today has this same revelation: "We cannot fail—because we are precious to the LORD!"

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## January Events

- 1st, Thur New Years Day
- 4th, Sun New Sunday School Class  
Begins: 1 and 2 Timothy  
9:30 am
- 4th, Sun Communion Service 11 am
- 10th, Sat Men's Breakfast 8 am
- 19th, Mon Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 24th, Sat Evangelism Outreach  
9-11 am

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