



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Hebrews 12:15-17 (NAS)

Topic: "A Call to Finish the Race Together"

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- 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;
- 16 that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal.
- 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

I. THE BATTLE WE FACE

- A. We Are Competitive
- B. We Are Individualistic
- C. The Danger Is That Others Get Left Behind

II. THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO ACTION

- A. Not Just The Elders
- B. We Are All Called To Care For The Body
- C. Impediments
 - 1. Misinterpreting *Matthew 7:1-5*
 - 2. Fear others will point out our failures
- D. You Who Are Spiritual
 - 1. Led by the Spirit
 - 2. Walking with the Lord
 - 3. Confronting sin in our own life
 - 4. Producing the fruit of the Spirit *Galatians 5:22-23*

III. THINGS WHICH MAY HINDER ONE FROM FINISHING THE RACE

- A. Falling Short Of The Grace Of God
 - 1. God saves *Philippians 6:1; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:38, 39*
 - 2. Some who appear to be Christian may not know God's grace
- B. Some May Become Bitter *I Thessalonians 5:18*
- C. Some Fall Into Sexual Sin
- D. Some Choose A World Without God In Their Thoughts

VI. WE ARE ALSO TO GUARD OTHERS FROM THESE HINDERANCES