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The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Hebrews 12:1-3

“A Zealous Faith”

I. Elements of a Zealous Faith

A. NO Z_____ - _____

B. No E_____ / _____

C. No A_____ with the World / Sin / Satan

D. L_____ unto Jesus

1. _____
 - a. Author (_____)
 - b. Perfecter (_____)
2. _____
3. _____

II. Exercises For A Zealous Faith

- A. God’s Word & Prayer (_____)
- B. Fellowship & Outreach (_____)
- C. Walk by _____, not by _____
- D. Live for the _____, Not the _____
- E. _____ (Titus 2)

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you normally think of when you hear the word “zeal”? How does the dictionary define the word “zeal”? Who is the word “zeal” applied to in the Bible?
2. A synonym in the Bible for the word “zeal” is “jealous.” Why would those two words be synonymous? How would being jealous make us more zealous for God?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. What is the “race” the author is talking about? Why does it require “endurance”?
4. What is the specific race that is “set before us”? Is everyone’s race exactly the same? What difference does that make?
5. What is an encumbrance? Is an encumbrance always bad in and of itself? Was there a specific encumbrance the author of Hebrews might have been referring to? How would that keep them from running the race of faith? What would that specific encumbrance look like today? What other “encumbrances” are there in our lives today? Be specific. What should we do with them?
6. What is “the sin” referred to in Hebrews 12? How does it keep us from running with endurance? How can we lay it aside? With what should we replace it? How can we practically do that on a daily basis?
7. What is “the big lie”? Why are we so prone to believe it? What can we do about it?
8. What do we have to look away from in order to look to Jesus? Is this difficult to do? What might happen if we attempt to look at both things at the same time while running?
9. How does looking to Jesus motivate us? What are some things about Him, how He lived on earth, and what He is currently doing that motivates us to live a zealous life for God’s glory?
10. What is your current plan to be in the Word of God and prayer on a daily basis? How is it impacting your zeal? What could you do to improve in this area?
11. What is your current involvement in fellowship and outreach? Is it stimulating you to grow as a zealous person of faith? If not, why not? What could you do to grow in this area and help others grow?
12. What does it mean to live for the line, not the dot? Give examples of how you are doing that currently in your lifestyle.
13. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 0 being a couch potato & 10 being a fanatically radical zealot), how zealous are you? If you’re not a 10, what could you do this week to move closer to 10?
14. Read Titus 2. Who is involved in your life to help you become more zealous for God? Who are you currently stimulating to be zealous for God?

[Outline blanks: Zig-zagging; Excess Baggage / Bulk; Alliances; Looking; Who; (God); (Man); What; Why; Vertical; Horizontal; Faith, Sight; Line, Dot; Accountability]