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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*

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Hebrews 12:3

“Consider Him”

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His PERSON (1-7)
- II. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His WORK (8:1-10:18)
- III. Christianity: An Infinitely Better WALK OF FAITH (10:19-13:24)
  - A. The Confidence of Faith (10:19-39)
  - B. The Examples of Faith (11)
  - C. The Race of Faith (12)
    - 1. Example of Christ’s Endurance (12:1-3)
      - a. ZEAL
      - b. \_\_\_\_\_ – “consider Him”

### Discussion Questions:

1. How has your Z.E.A.L. been doing recently? Is it consistent? Are there any common factors in your lifestyle when you are zealous? Are there any things missing in your lifestyle when you are not zealous? What can you do about that this week?
2. What is “endurance”? Is it possible to have zeal without endurance? Is it possible to have endurance without zeal? Which is more common to your experience? Why?
3. Do you ever grow weary and lose heart in your race of faith? What are some things that contribute to you feeling this way?
4. Heb. 12:3 uses the word “for” and later the words “so that...” What is the correlation/connection between the two halves of the sentence? What benefit is there to the weary believer if we consider Him?
5. The word “consider” means: to consider carefully, to think out thoroughly, to calculate, or to compare. How much did Jesus suffer? [Think through His birth, infancy, childhood, and adulthood] How much have we suffered in comparison to Jesus? How might comparing our persecutions and sufferings to those that Jesus faced give us greater endurance? What happens if we don’t compare our persecutions and sufferings to those of the Lord Jesus?
6. Now consider the “attitude” of Jesus while He was suffering (see Phil. 2:5-8; 1 Pet. 2:21-25). How does His attitude compare to ours? Do we have any legitimate excuses for not having His attitude? How can we develop His same attitude?
7. When we truly understand that Jesus Christ is infinitely better than anything and everything in the world (including our own lives), what is the proper zealous, enduring response to Him? (See Acts 20:24; Gal. 6:9-10; Phil. 3:7-11; Titus 2:11-14; Rev. 12:11)
8. Read Luke 14:25-35. According to Jesus’ definition, are you a true disciple of His? Have you counted (calculated) the cost? Have you died to self and surrendered to Him as Lord and Savior? Are you willing to follow Him no matter what the cost? Will you go out and challenge others to do likewise?