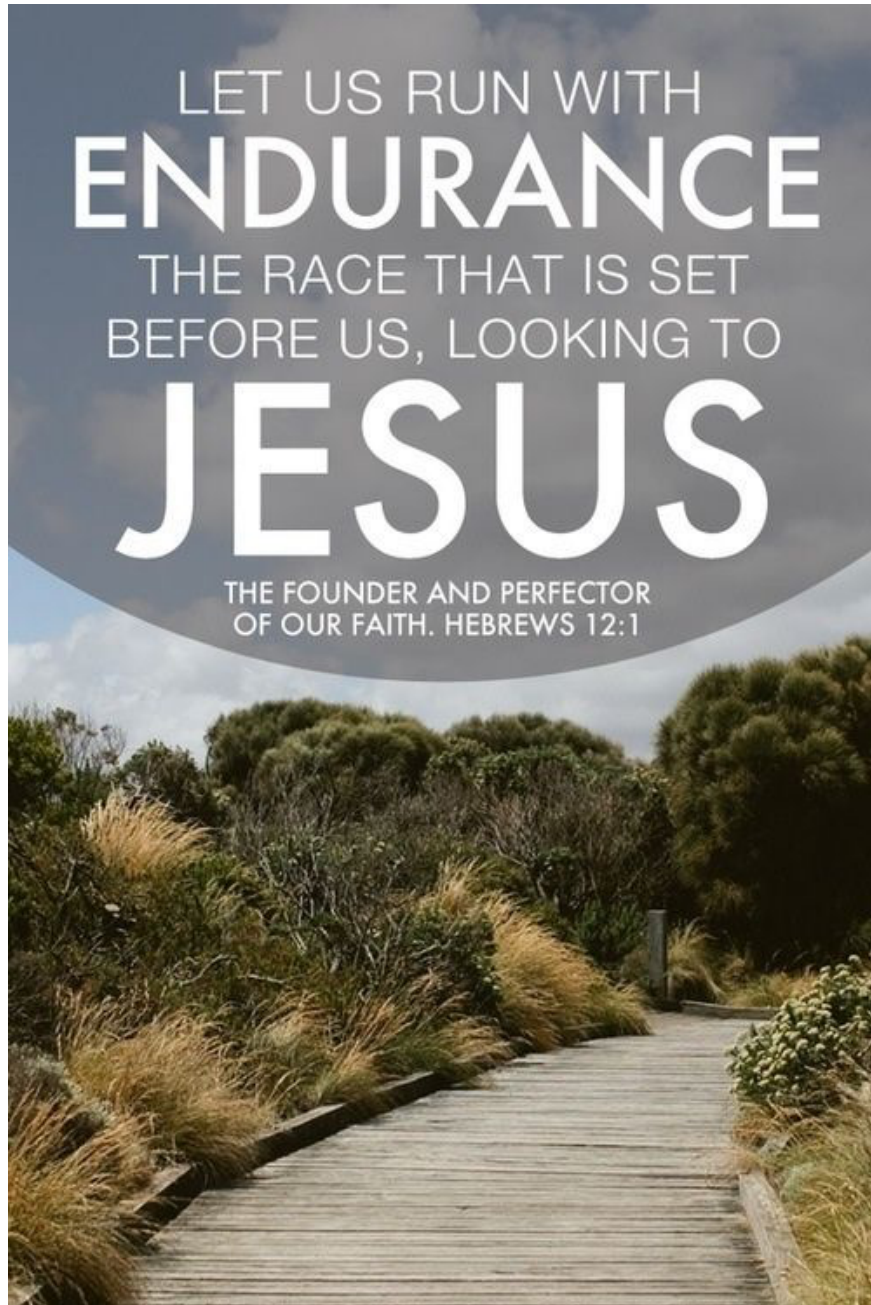


*Focusing on the "Now" produces Frustration*

*Focusing on the "Promise" produces a Maturing Faith*



## "God's Work Through Adversity" (Part 1)

James 1:2-18

**Critical Concept:** Keeping a future focus on the good work of God in the life of a believer helps them navigate the adversities of life, but the distraction of present desires is always lurking, trying to entice the believer to give in to desires and to walk away from God's will.

### **I. Adversity & the Work of God.**

**A. The meaning of a word matters.**

**B. The purpose of God & the focus of man.**

### **II. Your Focus in the Midst of Adversity.**

**A. Ask God ...**

**B. Apply faith ...**

**C. Respond with humility ...**

### **III. The Reward of the Faithful?**

*What is God saying to Me? (Personal Application)*