RUNNING TO THE TAPE

4th in a Series on the Pandemic – Topic: Endurance

Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:13 – No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

Premise: Endurance Is Important - 1 Corinthians 10:24 - Let no one seek his own good, but that of his ^[a]neighbor. **Romans 15:4 -** For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. **Hebrews 10:36 -** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive ^[a]what was promised.

Why Is Endurance Important? - 1 Corinthians 9:24 - Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. Exodus 32:1 - Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us [a] a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 Timothy 4:7 - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith... James 1:4 - And let [a] endurance have its perfect [b] result, so that you may be [c] perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

What Can Help Us Endure?

Example - Hebrews 12:1-3 - Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every

encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² [a] fixing our eyes on Jesus, the ^[b] author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary ^[c] and lose heart.

Mission - John 12:27 - "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. **Mark 10:45 -** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His [a]life a ransom for many."

Focus

Strength - Isaiah 40:28-29 - Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable. ²⁹ He gives strength to the weary, And to him who lacks might He increases power. **Philippians 4:13 -** I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

Hope