Lighter and Faster - 1/10/2021

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If we want to develop the fourth quarter faith that Jeremy talked about last week, then first we need to take a personal inventory of things that are hindering us and the sin that entangles us. What is slowing you down from the race that Jesus wants you to run? How can we fix our eyes on Jesus and allow Him to fill our minds and hearts with things of Him?

Scriptures (NIV): Hebrews 12:1-4

APPLICATION

- Who is someone in your life that has a fourth quarter faith? What stands out to you about the way they live?
- We often have things in our lives like binge-watching Netflix, social media, sports activities, etc. that might not be sinful or wrong, but they take up time and resources and keep us from the race that Jesus is asking us to run. Look at the following questions and see if there is anything that fits in the blanks for you. Share how your answer(s) is hindering your spiritual journey.
 - Is ______ forcing me to choose between it and God?
 Does _____ push God to the borders of my life?
 Is Jesus getting my leftovers because of _____?
 Do I have to fit God around _____?
- There are also certain things that trip us up and are sinful. Sin doesn't just slow us down but takes our race to a complete standstill. Sexual sin, unforgiveness, bitterness, insecurity, worry, fear, lying, etc., are all examples of race-halting sin. Is there anything God is revealing to you that may have entangled you and stopped you from growing in Him?

NEXT STEP: He calls us to "throw off" the things that hinder and entangle us, by fixing our eyes on Jesus. This is an action that requires us to remove something from our life, but then fill it up with something that is of Jesus. For one week will you act and remove those things that are hindering or entangling you and fix your eyes on Him by memorizing Hebrews 12:1-3.