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| **TOPIC** | **THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH** |
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| **MEMORY VERSE** | “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”. *Hebrews 12: 2* |
| **BIBLE TEXT** | **Hebrews 12: 1- 3** |

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| **INTRODUCTION** |
| “Today, the Lord wants to remind us of and give us a reawakening, a reassurance about His role in our lives. It is the desire of many believers to submit to the Lord, but that submission must be continuous and total. Such that where He leads, we will follow. John said, the voice of a stranger, the sheep will never hear, except that of the shepherd (*Jn. 10: 5*). The Lord wants to reset our focus as we journey with Him as it is easy to be caught up by emotions and be lost. Peter started well when walking on the sea, but he fell on the way. Judas started well but ended up betraying the Lord. Demas started well but ended up loving this world (*2 Tim. 4: 10*). May you start and end well. |
| **LESSON OUTLINE**   1. **THE AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH** 2. **THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH** 3. **OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY** |
| 1. **THE AUTHOR OF OUR FAITH.**   What does it mean to be the author? The word author in ***Heb 12: 2*** was translated to mean the following in different versions of the bible. NLT- The Initiator, AMPC- The Leader, Source, TLB - Leader and Instructor, ESV – Founder, and GNB - Beginning.  Jesus our King and Lord is author, initiator, leader, source and the beginning of many things in our lives.  **What He Has Authored**   * 1. ***Gen. 1: 1* –** in the beginning God…Everything started by Him and in Him. ***Jn. 1: 1*** said without Him was not anything made that was made.   2. ***Heb 12: 2*** - He authored our faith   3. ***Heb. 2: 3, 10*** – He authored our salvation   4. ***Col. 1: 18; Rev. 1: 5*** – He is the first begotten of the dead. This means he has shown to us what will become of us at resurrection. He went ahead of us and became the first to rise and never to die again. He has gone to prepare a place for us ***Jn. 14***   Our God wants us to recognize and accept His leadership in our lives and this implies that we must come to a point, like Moses, where we won’t move an inch until we know He is on that journey with us.   1. **THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.**   He is not just the author of our faith, He is also the perfecter, end, omega and finisher of our faith. Many of us believe in the Lord as the source of our salvation but find it hard to believe He can finish and perfect what He started. Paul in ***Gal. 3: 3*** regards such people as foolish. “Are ye so foolish?” having begun inthe Spirit, are ye now made perfect in the flesh?". Do you think your maker who shed His blood at calvary is not ready to see you through the path of righteousness? ***Jude 1:14*** says "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy"  **What He Has Finished/Perfected**  1. Our access to God. ***Jn. 19: 28-30***  2. Our inheritance. ***Eph. 1: 13-14***  **What He Will Perfect**  1. ***Philippians 1: 6*** - The good work: being confident of this very thing that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.  • The good work of total surrender.  • The good work of humility.  • The good work of consecration.  • The good work of holiness.  ***2. Jude 1: 24*** - Our walk with Him.  3*.* ***Eph. 5: 27*** - The church.   1. **OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY**   1. Take heed and not let His words we have heard slip. ***Heb. 2: 1***  2. Fix our eyes on Jesus. ***Heb. 12: 2***  ***3.*** Do not seek perfection by the flesh. ***Gal. 3: 1-3***  4. Open the door of our hearts to Him. ***Rev. 3: 20***  5. Be a sheep and not a goat. Be ready to submit to Him as He leads all the way.  6. Prayer - this is a way of reckoning His authorship over the day.  7. Confess it. The voice of God triumphs over all forms of noise.  • When the noise says you cannot achieve a thing - say God is the author and the finisher.  • When the vision is not coming to fruition - say God is the author and the finisher.  • Over your health - say God is the author and the finisher.  • Over your provision - say God is the author and the finisher. |
| **CONCLUSION**  Our God authored creation and salvation, and He finished them. Will you allow Him to author and perfect your walk, career, spiritual life, marriage, business, and education? It is our prayer you encounter the Lord as the perfecter of your faith, career, walk, and visions.  . |
| **SUMMARY** |

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