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FOR THE JOY SET BEFORE US.

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 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 has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
(Hebrews 12:1-2-NKJV).

In view of the beautiful outcome of our redemption, Jesus-Christ did not see in us worthless diamond stones, nor did He consider our sinful condition a lost case; He saw instead the precious pearls we would become through the power of His blood (Malachi 3:17).

Our salvation and future union with Him were the source of joy, that made Him despise the shame of the cross and endure the pains for our sake. One day, He *“shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied”* (Isaiah 53:11). The Bible makes us understand that Jesus loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), and He is willing to give us “the best of the best of all life”: *“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” -- the things God has prepared for those who love Him*—(1 Corinthians 2:9). For every hardship and every trouble we will ever face in this world, we are encouraged to be of good courage for Jesus has already overcome the world (John 16:33).

Looking at the cross, we were the joy set before Jesus-Christ. Looking ahead unto the eternal life Jesus is the joy set before us . To spend eternity with Him is the most important thing that could ever happen to us in life. Over the centuries, heroes of the Christian faith *“were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground* (Hebrews 11:35-38); but for the joy set before them, the world was not worthy of them. Jesus was more important than any trouble the enemy used to threaten their life. Their faith was unmovable; their hope was unstoppable.

Is the world worthy of you? Do you have a joy set before you? If eternity with Jesus is the joy set before you, you can stand for Jesus in the worst of time.

Our prayer for you today is that no matter what you go through for the sake of Christ, look full in His wonderful face; He is still the joy set before you.

By His grace, soon in all His glory, we shall behold His face, in a day when all our sufferings will melt away in the twinkle of an eye.

We are the joy that was set before Him, He is the joy that is set before us.

What a day that will be when both joys meet together!

Until then, Keep the faith.

He is coming soon Amen.

Yours in the blessed hope.

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