## **FEARLESS**

(2) Fix Your Eyes...

What comes to your mind when you hear the word... CHRISTIAN?

What... does the word CHRISTIAN mean to you? What... does a CHRISTIAN look like to you today?

UNCERTAINTY in life is UNAVOIDABLE!

LIVING FEARFUL is OPTIONAL!

The **Book of Hebrews** was written to **Christians** who were beginning to **WONDER** this...

IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?
IS IT REALLY WORKING?

Hebrews 11:1-2...

Now FAITH is CONFIDENCE in what we HOPE FOR and

ASSURANCE about what WE DO NOT SEE.

**THIS** is what the **ANCIENTS** were **COMMENDED** for.

Hebrews 11:13...

All these people were still **LIVING BY FAITH** when they **DIED**. They **did not receive** the things **PROMISED**; they only saw them and welcomed them from a **DISTANCE**... admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

Hebrews 11:36-38...

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!

## Hebrews 11:39-40...

These were all **COMMENDED** for their **FAITH**... yet none of them received... what had been **PROMISED**...

since God had planned something better for US...

so that only together with **US** would they be made **PERFECT**.

THEY... were always looking FORWARD and were FAITHFUL!

WE... seem to always be looking BACKWARD and are FEARFUL!

## Hebrews 12:1...

Therefore... since WE are surrounded by such a great CLOUD OF WITNESSES...

## Hebrews 12:1a...

Therefore... since WE are surrounded by such a GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES... let us RUN and HIDE, WHINE, COMPLAIN, HOARD OUR RESOURCES just in case, hide our BIBLES in our drawers, BUILD BOMB SHELTERS, PURCHASE AMMUNITION, BLAME THE COPS, BLAME THE PRESIDENT, BLAME THE TEACHERS, BLAME OUR MAMA'S and ABSENT FATHERS, DEMAND OUR RIGHTS, TAX THE RICH, PLAY IT SAFE, FIND SOMEBODY TO SUE, TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY and PRAY THAT JESUS RETURNS SOON SO WE DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER!

#### Hebrews 12:1a...

Therefore... since WE are surrounded by such a GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES... let US throw off EVERYTHING that HINDERS and the SIN that so EASILY ENTANGLES. (US)

Hebrews 12:1b...

And let US... RUN with PERSEVERANCE
the RACE MARKED BEFORE US...

Hebrews 12:2...

# "FIXING OUR EYES" ON JESUS...

Hebrews 12:2...
...FIXING OUR EYES ON JESUS... the AUTHOR and PERFECTOR
of FAITH. Who for the joy set before Him - He Endured The
Cross... SCORNING (DESPISING) its SHAME...

and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:3...

**Consider Him...** who **endured** such **opposition** from **sinners...** so that **YOU WILL NOT GROW WEARY AND LOSE HEART!**