

III. LOOK AT **JESUS CHRIST** (12:2)

A. Jesus Provides **Salvation** (v 2a)

*“7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,
8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.*

9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,” Hebrews 5:7-9

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

B. Jesus Provides **Strength** (v 2b)

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might” Ephesians 6:10

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

C. Jesus Provides **Security** (v 2c)

“who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,” Hebrews 1:3

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?” Romans 8:31

Challenge #2: Overcome One Sin

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” Eph. 3:20

100 DAY CHALLENGE

How To Overcome Sin

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Welcome to 2020! It’s a new year and a new decade. It’s also a new opportunity to grow spiritually. Once we have received Christ Jesus the Lord we are then to grow in Him.

“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 2:6-7

The purpose of our church is to lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus. In order to further our purpose and get off to a fast start in 2020 we are going to do a 100 Day Challenge.

- B. The 100 Day Challenge teaching series will provide you with the inspiration and information you need to accomplish five big challenges between now and the Monday after Easter. The messages include:

Jan 5 How To Read The Bible

TODAY How To Overcome Sin

Jan 19 How To Exercise

Jan 26 How To Be A Difference Maker

Feb 2 How To Be A Multi-Generational Church

- C. **TEXT:** Hebrews 12:1-2 (Pew Bible/Page 1181/New Testament)

HOW TO OVERCOME SIN

I. LOOK AT THE **WITNESSES** (12:1a)

A. **People** In Heaven Are Watching You.

The witnesses mentioned here are listed in Hebrews 11.

“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”
Romans 15:4

B. **Angels** Are Watching You.

“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”
Hebrews 1:14

C. **God** Is Watching You.

*“27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, ...”*
Acts 17:27-28a

II. LOOK AT **YOURSELF** (12:1b,c)

A. Eliminate Your **Weights** (v1b)

- Sin weighs you **down**.

*“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”*
Isaiah 59:1-2

Sin will **take** you farther than you planned on going...

Sin will **keep** you longer than you planned on staying...

Sin will **cost** you more than you planned on paying...

“Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard.”
Proverbs 13:15

- What sin is weighing you down? _____

“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”
James 4:17

“Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.”

II Timothy 2:21

B. Maintain Your **Endurance** (v1c)

1. The Christian life is not a 100 yard dash, but a relay race **marathon**.

“1 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”
II Timothy 2:1-3

2. You must **discipline** yourself to never quit.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.”
I Corinthians 15:58

“7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”
II Timothy 4:7-8