

2020s: Look to the Great Work of the Future

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INTRODUCTION: ...until Judgement Day.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (New International Version 1984)

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Look to the Great Work of the Future

- Hebrews 12:1 ***¹ 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, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.***
- Deuteronomy 11:1 ***Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always.***

1. Love leads me to run God's plan every day.

- Hebrews 12:2 **Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**
- Deuteronomy 11:18-21 ¹⁸ **Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.** ¹⁹ **Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.** ²⁰ **Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,** ²¹ **so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.**

2. **God's plan calls us to connect faith in Jesus to the next generation.**

- Hebrews 12:3 **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**
- Luke 8:21 **He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."**

3. **God's plan guides us to put God's Word into practice step by step as we move into the future.**

CONCLUSION: Create for Community.

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link clcm-gps.com or subscribing through **Feedly.com** (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

Monday: Read *Hebrews 12:1*. **Therefore** in verse 1 refers back to all the heroes of faith from the Old Testament listed in Hebrews 11. As you look at your faith life, who are some of the heroes of faith from your past? What difference have they made in your life of faith? Who might list you as their hero of faith?

Tuesday: Read *Deuteronomy 11:1*. Why is love such a key word when you think of God's commands? What happens when love is absent from obedience? What helps you remember God's great love for you?

Wednesday: Read *Hebrews 12:2*. What takes your eyes off Jesus? What helps you to keep your eyes on Him?

Thursday: Read *Deuteronomy 11:18-21*. How did you become a follower of Jesus Christ? Who did God use to connect your hand to His? Who can you pray for to come to know Jesus?

Friday: Read *Hebrews 12:3*. How are you being encouraged to live out your Christian faith? Who can you encourage today?

Saturday: Read *Luke 8:21*. What practical change in your daily routine would help you listen to God's Word better?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family* by Kara Powell and *Right Click, Parenting Your Teenager in a Digital Media World* by Kara Powell, Art Bamford, Brad M. Griffin

NEXT WEEK: Psalm 98 "Sing Together for Joy"