

Prayer Updates



WEEK 7
**Finishing What
You Start**

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JOY & BLESSINGS

Jeff and Kristi Kurtz welcome into their hearts a third son, **Milo Ryan**, born November 6.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Anne Webb – breathing complications

Cheryl Trowbridge – foot surgery

Connie Upton – completions of chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer

Kimberly Bonds – surgery postponed due to poison oak

Lori Dueck – surgery 11/13

Paul Barton – surgery 11/14

Diana Kawamoto – surgery 11/16

Howard Mettler – recurring blood infection

Lara Goldsmith – surgery 11/5 at Stanford

Tristan Beverly (parents Nathan & Catherine) – born 8/15 at Stanford, thankfully moved to Dominican NICU

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Doug Mitchell, Leslie Douglass, Adrienne Gomes

HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Ron Koronkowski, whose father **Ron Koronkowski, Sr.**, passed away after a diagnosis this year of a genetic disorder. Ron traveled to Chicago to join his five sisters for their father's memorial service.

Word was received that Mary Orahood's husband, **Dean Orahood**, passed away. Mary was a long-time member of TLC, very active in Sunday School and Choir ministries. Cards may be sent to Mary at 717 Richmond Ct., Santa Maria, CA 93455.

We are saddened by the sudden loss of one of our TLC family members, **Trudi Jackson**, who suffered with many health complications.

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update online at www.tlc.org/profiles.**

“We have around us many people whose lives tell us what faith means. So let us **run the race that is before us and never give up...**” *Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)*

Four strategies for finishing what you start

1. Run _____

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such **a great cloud of witnesses...**” *Hebrews 12:1a (NIV)*

2. Run _____

“...let us throw off **everything that hinders** and the **sin that so easily entangles...**”
Hebrews 12:1b (NIV)

“See to it ...that no **bitter root** grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” *Hebrews 12:15 (NIV)*

3. Run _____

“...and let us **run with perseverance** the race marked out for us.” *Hebrews 12:1c (NIV)*

Where do I need to run with more perseverance?

- Daily time with God
- Praying for family / marriage / small group
- Sharing my faith with friends
- Tithing
- Self-control... my anger/ words/ thought life / exercise
- Trusting God with my pain / problems
- Quality time with my spouse, children
- Other: _____

The key to endurance is _____

“Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, **so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.**”
Hebrews 12:12,13 (RSV)

“...God wants His loved ones to get their **proper rest.**” *Psalms 127:2 (LB)*

“This is why we never give up ...our **spirits** are being **renewed every day.**” *2 Cor. 4:16 (NLT)*

40 Days of Faith Overview

What Hebrews 11 reveals about faith:

4. Run

“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.**”

Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

“**Consider him** who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” *Hebrews 12:3 (NIV)*

“I have **finished the race**, I have **kept the faith.**” *2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)*

Share Your Story

How has this 40 Days of Faith series impacted your life?

Email YOUR faith story to rene@tlc.org

Daily Meditations

This week’s daily meditations are in the book “40 Days of Faith” or online at www.tlc.org/40days

WEEK 7:

How to Finish the Race of Faith (Hebrews 12:1-3)

“Since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us . . . run with endurance the race God has set before us!” *Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)*

“It is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.” *Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*



Memory Verse

“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.”

Hebrews 12:1