

### **Hebrews 12:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

### **Spiritual war is raging when we are hurting the most**

**A huge part of spiritual warfare is not “what is in front of me?” It’s more about “Which voice will I listen to about what’s in front of me?”**

### **Genesis 3:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

### **God looks for us – all we have to do is run to Him – but we run FROM**

### **Counterfeit of forgiveness is accusation**

### **We Hide – He Seeks:**

**Jesus goes places we don’t want to go and cleanses what we can’t cleanse.**

### **Zechariah 3:3-5**

Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. <sup>4</sup> And the angel said to those who were standing before him, “Remove the filthy garments from him.” And to him he said, “Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments.” <sup>5</sup> And I said, “Let them put a clean turban on his head.” So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD was standing by.

### **1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**Satan wants us to wear shame - Jesus wants us to wear righteousness**

**We experience Hurt - We believe a lie - we make a vow**

**Our pain is real! But so is JESUS!!**