

Run-Up to Easter #3 - Faith v. Weariness 3/20/11

*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men
but as wise, making the most of your time, because the
days are evil. Ephesians 5:16*

The Normal Christian Life is Nuts!

*Bear with and forgive all the stuff thrown at you
Only return love and good works (no sin)*

That's what Jesus did 1 Peter 2:23
That's what Jesus taught Matthew 5:38-48
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Growing Weary is Expected! Mark 4:36-41

The World doesn't help
The Devil doesn't help
My Flesh doesn't help
Sometimes, sadly, my Family doesn't help
Sometimes, sadly, my Church doesn't help

Faith v. Weariness: Hebrews 12:1-4

Look at the witnesses (from ch. 11)
Lay aside every encumbrance
Lay aside the sin which so easily entangles
Run with endurance the race set before us
Fix our eyes on Jesus,
The author of faith
The perfecter of faith,
Who for the joy set before Him
Endured the cross,
Despised the shame
Sat down at the right hand of the throne of God

*Consider Jesus who endured such hostility by sinners
So that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood
in your striving against sin.*

*Together we serve. Together we plant. Together we water.
Together we harvest. Together we rejoice in God's given growth.*

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