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Review: 1. Characters 2. Goal 3. Author(s) 4. Passion 5. Script 6. Risk

7. Press toward the End

Heb. 10:32-39

(v. 38) *If anyone draws back...*

(v. 32) *After you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. (1 Pet. 5:10)*

Gal 3:4 – have you suffered so many things in vain? (people who don't persevere)

(v. 36) **After** you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise

The Missing Ingredient to many people's story is perseverance.

- From the Latin, *per* (through) + *severus* (severe)
- "To persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counter influences, opposition, or discouragement."

Amazing Grace

Elisha and the three arrows (2 Kings 13)

The issue is FOLLOW THROUGH! (golf)

We have an impatience and a short sightedness in our culture that keeps people from ever really possessing anything.

Tim Elmore – I want to change Hollywood. Should take about 18 months!

One of the reasons our country is in trouble right now.

People leave situations God put them in without really inheriting the promise.

Marriages; school; churches

Response

You will not make it without God's help.

Isa. 40:30,31 - Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

*1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. – Heb. 12:1-2*

Jesus in the boat – they started out in faith and obedience