

# 36: FAITH THAT HOLDS STEADY

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***“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,” — Hebrews 12:1***

Many of the Colorado Fourteeners (mountain peaks over 14,000 feet) were a steady trek up—a relentless, grinding path that tests endurance more than strength. The danger is not dramatic failure, but losing focus through gradual erosion. Hebrews 12:1 urges us: “Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” Endurance is revealed over time, not in bursts.

Steady faith often feels ordinary and unnoticed, easily underestimated in its difficulty. Real strength is in persistence—showing up, staying consistent, and refusing to drift. Nothing is

wrong—this is just what steady faith requires. Most men don't fail from lack of belief; they underestimate how hard it is to keep going.

The real threat is not collapse, but drifting off the path by losing urgency and momentum. Without pressing forward, ground is slowly lost—not by choice, but by gradual coasting and settling. Steadiness, not dramatic action, is where the battle is won or lost.

The trail exposes true endurance. When motivation fades, it's anchored faith that keeps a man moving forward with purpose, making perseverance, not passion, the heart of his journey.

## **APPLICATION**

Steady faith isn't fueled by emotion; it's anchored in conviction. Hebrews 12:1 calls a man to "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely." Endurance means not just pushing forward, but also removing what slows you down. Often, these weights are subtle.

Distractions that seem harmless. Habits that dull awareness. Commitments that crowd out time with God. A man can stay busy yet lose ground. Activity is not progress. Movement is not the same as direction. Without clarity, a man spends strength on what doesn't move him forward.

Steady faith asks: What drains my focus? What quietly pulls me off track? What have I allowed to stay that should be cut away? These aren't dramatic—but they are decisive—choices.

Endurance grows in community. Men weren't meant to walk life's trail alone. The passage starts, "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses." That reminder matters. You are not the first, and you are not meant to walk this path alone.

Staying steady requires both discipline and reinforcement—making daily decisions to remain on the trail, supported by men beside you who help refocus you on your purpose whenever your attention drifts. In the end, steadfast faith is shaped by perseverance and strengthened by those who walk with you.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

This week, identify one weight slowing your walk and remove it. Then reach out to one man and commit to staying steady together. Don't wait for motivation—choose consistency. Faith that holds steady is built in daily steps, not dramatic moments. Keep moving. Stay anchored. The trail rewards endurance.

## ***PRAY THIS...***

***"Father, forgive my unbelief. Help me to stay steady on the trail You set before me."***

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