

CrossWalk NOTES

The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Christians

*"For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."
(2 Peter 1:8, NIV)*

Habit 6: Tap into the True Source of Faith

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¹Therefore, 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. ²Let 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. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-3, NIV).

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (James 1:2-4, NIV)

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1. God wants you to have _____ faith.

Making this mine –

¹⁵My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare. (Psalm 25:15, NIV)

²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith... (v. 2)

1. God wants you to have _____ faith.

Making this mine –

¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10, NIV)

...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. (v. 2)

...so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (v. 3)

2. God wants you to have _____ faith.

Making this mine –

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Remember who generates faith. Jesus is the author and perfecter of faith (not you). Develop a habit of asking Jesus to firm up your faith and then of going to the Bible for strength.
- Develop an expectation of trials and tests in life. Perseverance is a key quality of faith. Perseverance comes through trial.
- Meditate on and memorize Hebrews 12:2.