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What faithfulness looks like:

- You are not _____: if you’re a follower of Jesus you have the greatest heritage in the history of the universe – 12:1
- Lay aside whatever doesn’t help you pursue your _____ goal – 12:1
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- Run with a _____: pursue Jesus in everything you’re given – 12:1
How? Look to Jesus!
 - a. Established a holy _____ from a corrupt world – 12:2
 - b. Endured horrific suffering by _____ shame and honor – 12:2
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The impact of faithfulness in a “Me Culture”

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Key: judgment/mercy/alone/greatest/purpose/family/revolutionizing/Consider

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