

## **FROM HEAVEN'S GRANDSTAND**

*Hebrews 12:1* 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.

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who are observing us from heaven's grandstand. I believe they are not just spectators but through the example they left they are cheering us on in our race of life. My granddad first drew my attention to this scripture and ever since I have this picture vividly in my mind. Hebrews chapter 11 tells us of the trials and the triumphs of these same witnesses and the record of their lives serve as living lessons of how we too can be victorious in the midst of any adversity that comes our way. Instead of stopping in our tracks we can press through every obstacle by acting on God's word and applying its truth to our lives.

Not only are we surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses but Jesus our great High Priest is aware of every obstacle we face. He is at the Father's right hand ever living to make intercession for us and He knows that by the power of His Spirit we can, and will reach our goal.

God has provided all the help we need but He needs our cooperation, for there are things that will slow us down in our race, if we don't lay them aside.

Anxiety and care are weights. They keep us looking at life through a natural perspective and when the way looks rough and steep we can't see a way through. Our load is lightened though when we deposit our cares in His keeping, knowing He will work things out for us. Suddenly we are energised with new desire and ability, and with our heads held high and a lightness in our step, we run our race and press on with purpose towards the goal. What joy it must give to all who witness our progress!

It is not just in the big things but in the small things of life that you need to trust Me. When circumstances come your way, even when they seem out of your control, even when they do not seem favourable. It is in those times that I ask you to trust Me and to place your confidence firmly in Me. For when you obey My voice you will see the way will open up for you and the crooked places and paths will be made plain. This is your opportunity to grow strong in My grace. Step out. Don't hold back. Refuse to doubt and begin to walk in My abundant supply.