

## That's Not Fair

(<https://harvest.org/resources/devotion/strength-to-endure/>)

*“Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.” Hebrews 12:3*

How easily Jesus could have said, “You know what? Forget this. No one here appreciates me. I'm not dying for these people. They don't deserve it.”

After all, think about what He had to face. His own disciples effectively abandoned Him. Judas Iscariot, His friend, betrayed Him. Then He was beaten physically, with fists to His face. His beard was ripped out. A crown of thorns was pressed on His forehead. His back was ripped open with Roman whips. He was jeered and laughed at and spit on. And then He was nailed to a cross.

It was His love for us that kept Him going. We read in Hebrews that “because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame” (12:2 NLT). What was the joy awaiting Him? It was you. It was me. It was us. He did it for us. He knew there was no other way that we could be made right with the God that we had offended.

Verse 2 also tells us that Jesus is “the champion who initiates and perfects our faith” (NLT). God finishes what He starts. He will complete the work in us.

You might say, “Greg, I can't go on another day.”

Yes, you can. Get your eyes off yourself. Look at Jesus. Think of what He did for you. Think about how He went to the cross for you. He's the one who will give you the strength to endure.

When you take your eyes off the Lord and put them on people or on the church or on circumstances, you will start to stumble. Get your eyes off those things and look at Jesus. He will never fail you. He will never let you down. He will keep you running in the race of life.

## News and Notes

- Family night is this Saturday, March 16. We will meet here at the building at 6:00. Please let Shannon know if you will be able to attend so we know how much food to prepare.
- If you would be interested in receiving the Gospel Minutes newsletter, please contact Gary.
- Amy is putting together a care package for Megan Rudy. If you would like to help send some care to Megan, please bring your items to the building by March 17. If you have any question, please visit with Amy.
- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email [prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org](mailto:prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org).

## Birthdays

Donna Dendy March 5

If you birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

## Those Serving

### 3/10/2019

Opening Prayer	Jim	Table: West	Shane
Song Leader	Cal	Center	Chris
Scripture Reader	Gary	East	Jay
Closing Prayer	Shane	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Prayer	Song Leader:	Jay

### Announcements: Chris

### 3/17/2019

Opening Prayer	Shane	Table: West	Jim
Song Leader	Tom	Center	Gary
Scripture Reader	Jay	East	Jonathan
Closing Prayer	Jeremy	Preacher:	Gary
Devotion:	Gary	Song Leader:	Tom

### Announcements: Tom