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You Have One

- Every home has a “junk drawer” - kitchen, garage, shop
- Filled with – glue, duct tape, screws, paper clips, pictures, scissors, etc.



Do you really need it?

- Most of this stuff is old – not useful – not needed – out of date
- Every few years we need to clean out the junk drawer and start over.



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Witnesses

- **Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, (1a)**
- **Witness** – not a witness to our sin or weakness
- **Witness** – past champs – been there, done that, encourage us, cheer us on
- **Feel the roar of the crowd – be encouraged**
- **BUT** – in order to win we need to get some stuff out of the way

Get Rid of the Weight

- **let us lay aside every weight (1b)**
- **Weight** – good in training, gain strength
- **Weight** – slow us down, hinder, keep us from running well
- **Weight** = sins, addictions, hindrances
- **Weight** = can be something good, but hinders
- **Weight** = anything that slows us down

Lay Aside The Sin

- **let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us (1b)**
- **The sin – What is yours?**
 - What is the greatest struggle in your life?
 - What temptation is more difficult for you?
- **The sin – Many sins – but one is “the sin”**
 - Covetousness
 - Addiction
 - Anything that comes between us and Christ

Now You Can Run

- **let us run with endurance the race that is set before us (1c)**
- **Run** – Get off the couch, get out, start moving
- **Endurance (Patience - KJV)** – Not a sprint, a marathon
- **Looking to Jesus** – Keep the goal in view, not running to see the scenery, stay in your lane
- **Illustration** – 3 boys running in a straight line

Clean out the Junk Drawer

- Get rid of the old receipts, dried up glue bottle, broken tape dispenser, dried out markers
- Let's clean up our life – get rid of all that hinders us and slows us down



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