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- Reboot To shut down and restart (a computer, device or program); To start up again after closing or shutting down: to boot up again
 - A. Reboot Two key facets:
 - 1. Closing or shutting down (powering off)
 - 2. Restarting (powering back up)
 - B. Prayer and Fasting
 - 1. What are we powering off?
 - 2. What are we powering on?
- II. Heb 12:1-2
 - A. Surrounded perikeimai To lie all around, enclose or encircle; exist or be in place
 - B. **Cloud** Greek and Latin literature metaphor referring to a large group of people.
 - C. Witnesses martus A witness; any person having knowledge of truth willing to testify
 - D. Let us (Let's): Used to express a suggestion, command, of action
 - 1. Lay aside Shutting down, powering off
 - 2. Run with endurance Start up, powering on.
 - E. <u>Lay aside</u> *apotithemi* To cease doing what one is accustomed to doing. To throw aside, away, put down or remove.
 - 1. What do we need to "lay aside"?
 - a) Weights
 - b) Sins
 - F. <u>Weight</u> pas ogkos All; Mass, load, burden or hinderance; Anything that hinders or prevents someone from doing something.
 - 1. How to identify weights? Requires knowing a clear goal or direction or purpose
 - a) Phil 3:7 NLT 7 I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.
 - G. Sin hamartia To act contrary (opposite) to the will and direction of God
 - 1. **Eph 5:17** 17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
 - a) Understand suniemi To put together or comprehend
 - (1) <u>James 4:17</u> 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin. NKJV
 - H. **Easily ensnares** *euperistatos* Standing skillfully around; To prevent or hinder running or progress.
 - 1. Standing in the way to exert tight controls and/or distract one's thinking
 - a) Control Restrain, power over, hold captive
 - b) <u>Distract</u> Draw or direct attention to something else or different directions at the same time. Entangled
- III. Let us Run (Start again or power up)
 - A. Run trecho To run or walk hastily; to make progress in one's behavior or conduct.
 - B. Race agon Contest involving competition or struggle
 - C. Set before us prokeimai To exist before in view

- D. <u>Endurance</u> *hupomone* Cheerful expectancy; constancy even under difficult circumstances; Stay under or remain; persevere
 - 1. In the Greek games the footrace was one of the longest and most significant events.
- E. <u>Looking</u> *aphorao* to acquire information, with focus upon the source of such information; to learn about, to find out about
 - 1. Is Jesus our "source" for information about running our race?

IV. APPLICATION

A. WHAT THINGS DO WE NEED TO LAY ASIDE?

- 1. **WEIGHTS** Things weighing us down and hindering our progress
- 2. **SINS** Things opposite the will of God that are blocking us with things that will control us or distract us.

B. ARE WE RUNNING? WITH ENDURANCE?

- 1. Is Jesus our source? Is He our focus?
- Are we persevering? Are we cheerfully expecting? 2.