

## **Hebrews 12: 1-3 Jesus, Founder and Perfecter of Our Faith**

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

### **Do Not Grow Weary**

<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

There are so many things about my faith that the non-Christians in my life don't know about or think they do but have the completely wrong idea. One in particular is that, being a Christian doesn't make you better than everyone else nor are Christians perfect. I think that often people look at Christians and assume that they have a 'holier than thou' attitude towards non-Christians and I think that part of the problem is the way that Christians are depicted on tv/movies. They're usually either really judgmental or made out to be complete weirdos but that's not the case (at least not for most people). It often feels like the non-Christians in my life forget that I'm still human, I make mistakes daily and being a Christian doesn't exempt me from suffering or trials. The difference between me and the non-Christians in my life in our suffering, is that it's my faith that gets me through mine. I look up to Jesus in my times of trouble, without Him I am weak and powerless and I can't get by on my own strength and what better person to have by my side when I am at my uttermost lowest than Jesus. He gets it, He's been through it. He is the man who suffered an agonizing death, who took all that shame and humiliation upon His own shoulders so that we all could be set free from our sin and live our lives with Him by our side as our Saviour. He is the only perfect person to walk this earth. I know I will never be perfect and that I will always fall short of the glory of God but that doesn't mean that I'm not going to try and that's not because I think that's what will get me into Heaven but it's because I already have a place there. **1 John 4v 19**

- **Hannah Holden**