

**Answer Key:**

**Great Principle:**

- It's always something
- sin
- cosmic

**The Battle...**

1. you
2. around
3. against

**Fight well, end well....**

- ammunition
- pain
- perfect / easygoing

**What do I do when I feel like giving up?**

1. watching
2. Eliminate
3. Run
4. Focus
5. Minimize / Maximize
6. Jesus

**Putting on Jesus**

“Why is life so Tough?”

**Part 1**

**Ephesians 6:13 NLT**

*Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.*

**Introductory Statement**

*One of the great lessons of life is that we always have some problem that is either coming or going. Life seems like a fight that will never end. Sin entered the world through the actions of Adam and Eve, and the world is broken as a result. Nevertheless, some people are successful in life because they live lives of faith following God's standards. But even for people of faith, not every earthly life ending is happy. Starting in Hebrews 11, the Bible describes successful people whose lives ended in torture, mistreatment, poverty, or even murder despite having lived in faith. Those people did not give up, and in this message, we will learn from them about what we must do when we feel discouraged.*

## Great Principle:

- \_\_\_\_\_!

## WHY?

- Everything on this planet is broken by \_\_\_\_\_.
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ battle going on for your life.

**I don't know if you realize this or not, but I call it the invisible war. There are forces out to destroy your soul. The Bible specifically calls them the world of flesh and the devil.**

## The Battle...

1. There is first the battle inside of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There's the battle \_\_\_\_\_ you.
3. The battle \_\_\_\_\_ you and that is Satan.

**The devil is real. Yes, there is a real Satan. He is not equal to God.**

## Fight well, End well....

Hebrews 11:1-3 NLT

**'Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation. By faith we understand that the entire universe was formed at God's command, that what we now see did not come from anything that can be seen.'**

- I want you to be able to fight the battle well and I want you to understand your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Learning to live by faith involves \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faith does not promise a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Hebrews 11:35-38 NIV

***"Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground."***

## What do I do when I feel like giving up?

1. Remember Heaven is \_\_\_\_\_ you.

### Hebrews 12:1 NCV

*"We are surrounded by a great cloud of people whose lives tell us what faith means. So, let us run the race that is before us and never give up."*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ what does not matter.

### Hebrews 12:1 Living Bible

*"...let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us."*

- **Weights:** anything that slows you down
- **Sins:** knowing what to do and not doing it

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's race to me, not others race.

### Hebrews 12:1 NIV

*"...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,"*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ on Jesus, not my circumstance.

### Hebrews 12:2 Message

*"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it."*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ the pain and  
\_\_\_\_\_ the future reward.

**Hebrews 12 :2 WEB**

***"...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the  
throne of God."***

6. Remember what \_\_\_\_\_ went through for me.

**Hebrews 12:3-4 GNT**

***Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred  
from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give  
up. <sup>4</sup> For in your struggle against sin you have not yet had to resist  
to the point of being killed.***