

Running the Race with Perseverance

Hebrews 12:1–6
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“If you have raced
with men on foot
and they have
worn you out, how
can you compete
with horses?

JEREMIAH 12:5

Run the Race with Perseverance

“...let us run with
perseverance the
race marked out for
us”

HEBREWS 12:1



Sermon Outline

SET YOUR FOCUS

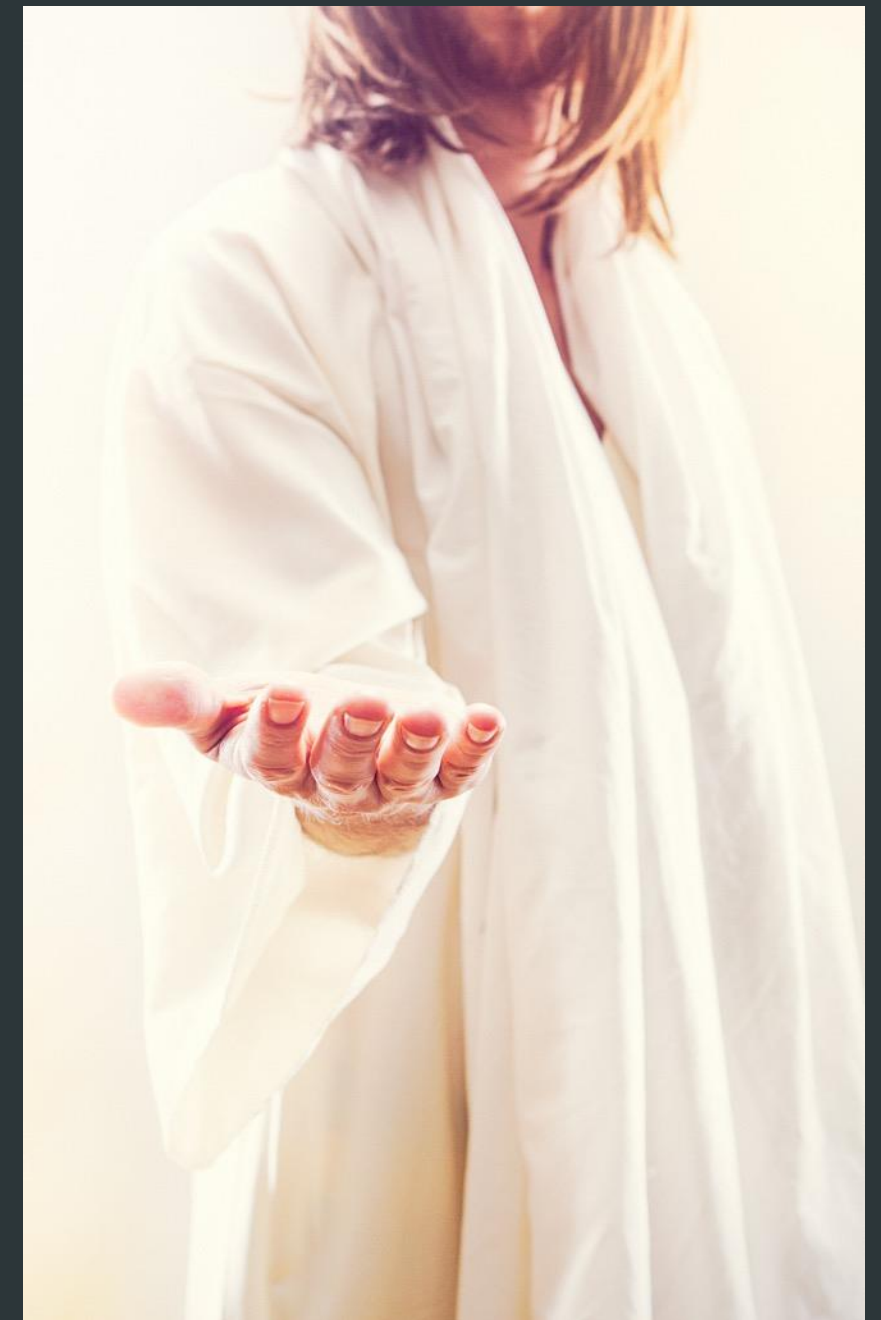
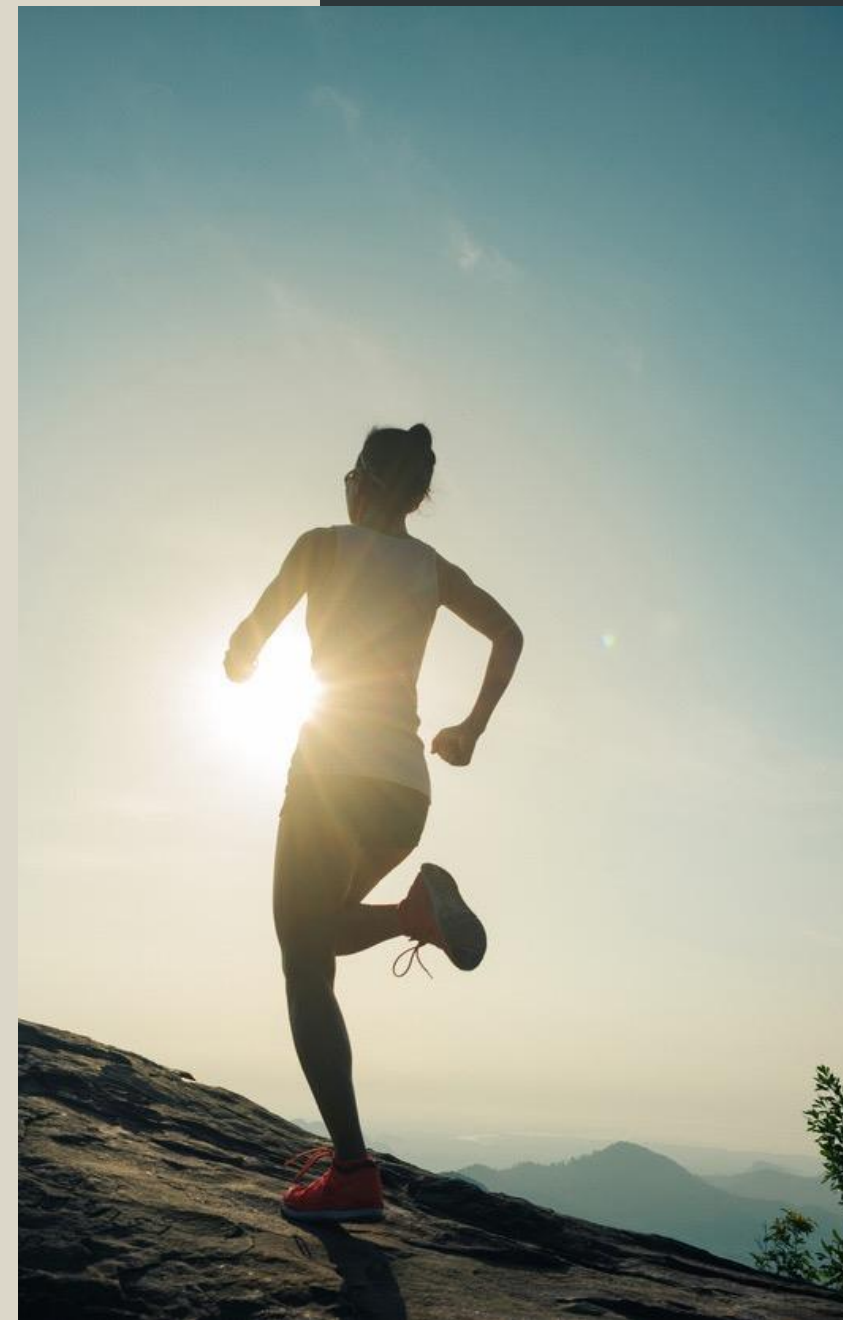
Heb 12.1–2

ENDURE DISCIPLINE

Heb 12.5–6

CONSIDER CHRIST

Heb 12.3–4



Set Your Focus

Hebrews 12:1–2 (NIV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Ephesians 3:16

16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Endure Discipline

Hebrews 12:4–6 (NIV)

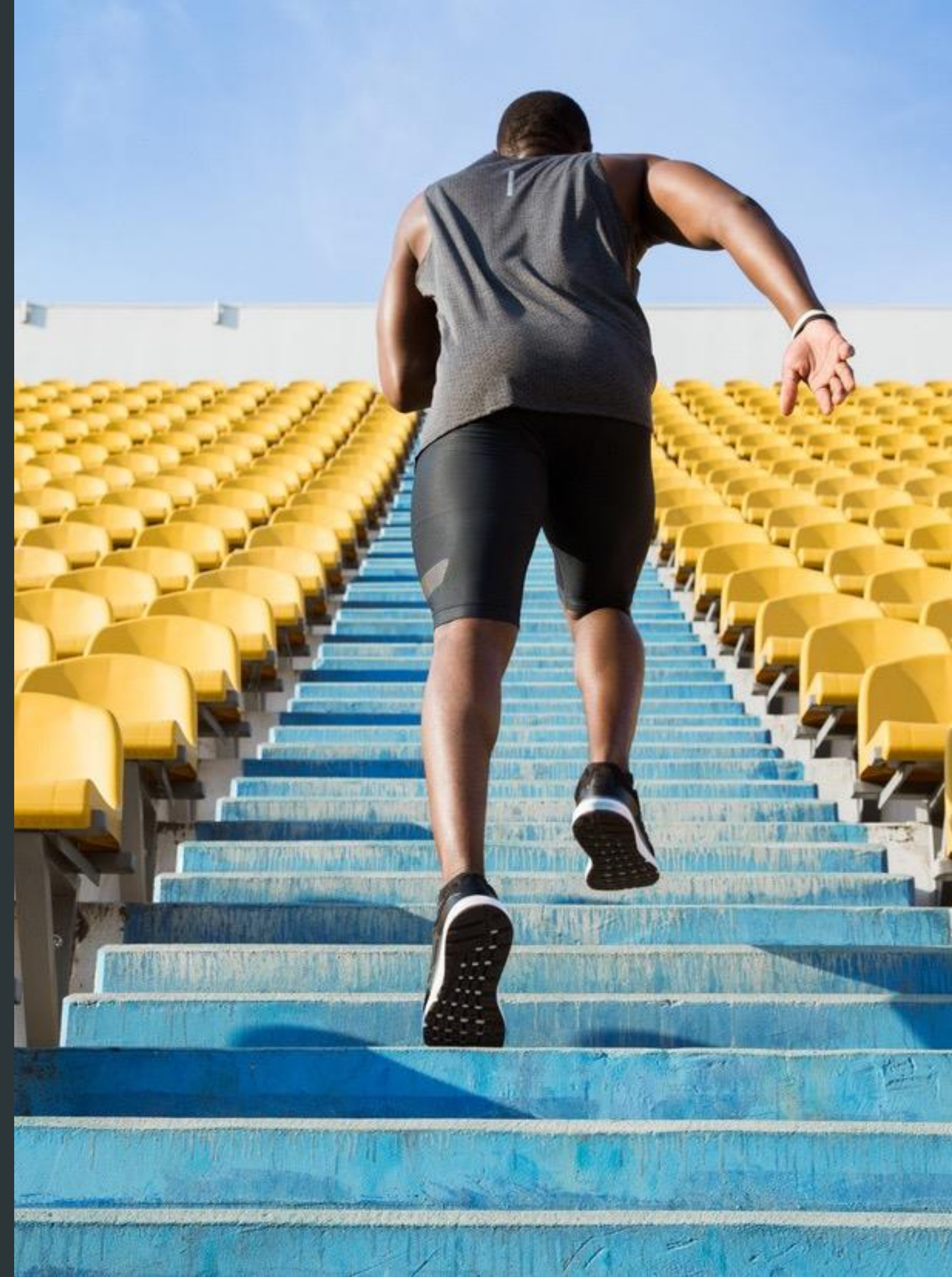
In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Endure Discipline

Hebrews 12:11–12 (NIV)

11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

12 Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.



Endure Discipline

Romans 5:3–4

“...we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

James 1:2–4

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

1 Peter 1:7

“These [trials] have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.”

Consider Christ

Hebrews 12:3 (NIV)

Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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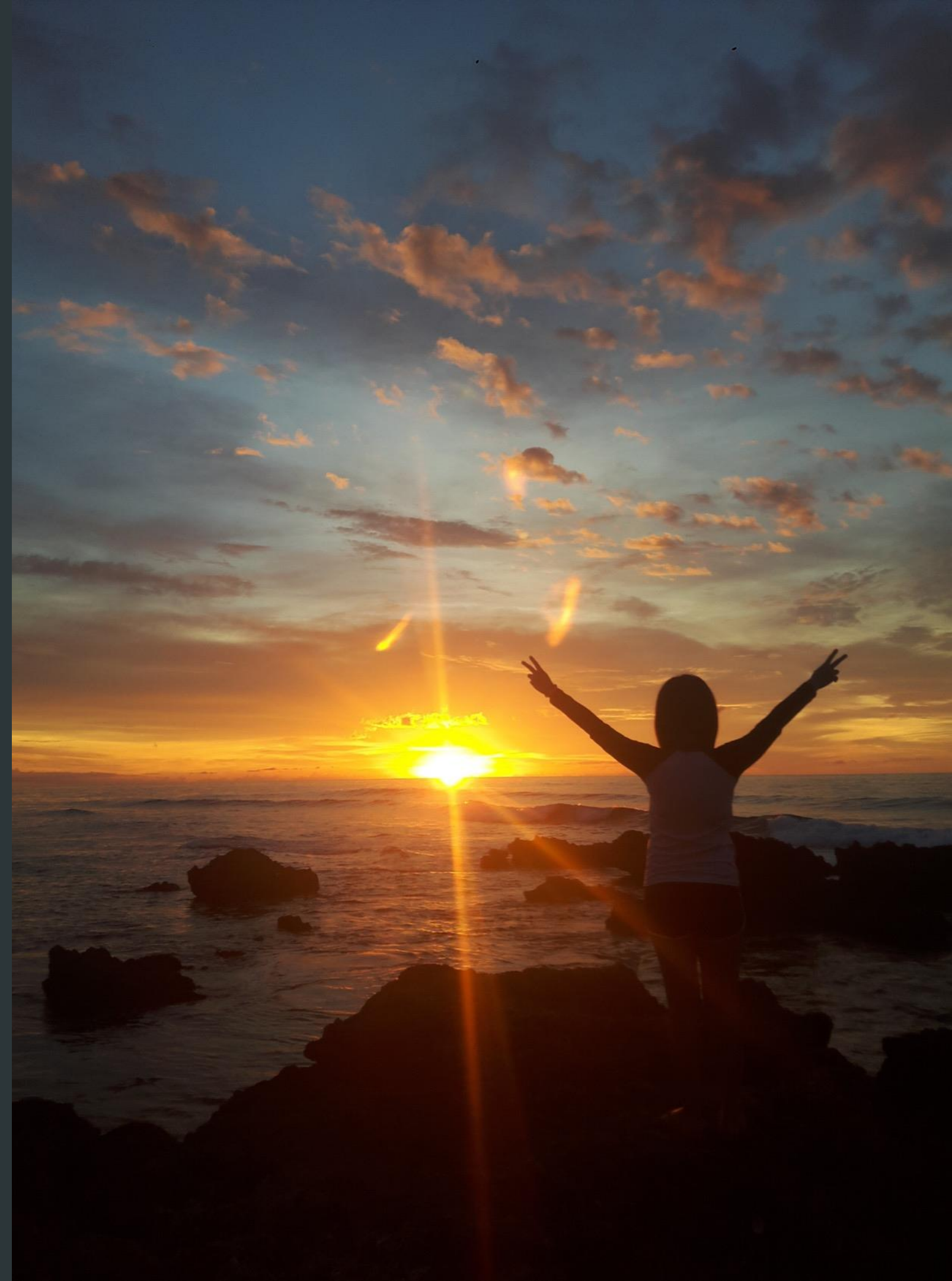
1 John 4:16–19

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

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Let us pray