Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. December 30, 2018

**Moving Forward Looking To Jesus**

Hebrews 12:1-6

**Key Truth:** We cannot have a divided focus when we are seeking after the Lord.

**Things To Consider If We Are Going To Be Better In 2019:**

1. We must shed the weight of sins that hinder our growth and

 progress in Christ.

2. We must have a renewed focus on our purpose (race).

3. We must have a renewed vision toward Jesus Christ.

 A. Jesus is our standard for holiness.

 B. Jesus is our spiritual compass who guides us.

 C. Jesus is our Lord and Savior who we owe total allegiance.

4. Don’t grow exhausted and quit when things get tough.

5. Don’t get discouraged by the Lord’s discipline.

 A. God’s discipline proves He loves you.

 B. God’s discipline proves you belong to Him.

6. Travel lighter:

 A. Walk in your Kingdom Authority.

 B. Leave anger and bitterness in 2018.

 C. Don’t compromise your character for temporary pleasure.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls**: Don’t live life looking in the rearview mirror. Celebrate the past but look forward to the future. The best is yet to come.

**Food For Thought**

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

Read Joshua 3:1-6: What was Joshua’s command in verse 5? Why did Joshua tell the Israelites to “purify yourselves”?

What would it look like for the Israelites to purify themselves?

What junk do you have in your life? What would it look like for you to purify yourself of those things you have been accumulating?

What is the point of eliminating those distractions and becoming pure?

Read Joshua 3:7-17: How did the Israelites faithfully follow God’s call?

Did the miracle happen from the power of the Israelites’ faith or by God’s power? Why does it matter?

How does walking in faith tap into God’s power?

What is something you can lay aside this week in order to more freely seek after Christ?

How can you support someone else in the group as he or she tries to keep from getting spiritually stuck this week?