Witnesses of Our Race
Heb. 12:1-2

Introduction:
A. The Christian life is a race - a struggle.
B. Three kinds of people at this race.
   1. The participants - Christians.
   2. The officials - God (cf. 2 Tim. 2:5)
   3. The spectators (witnesses).
C. The encouragements of the witnesses in chapter 11:

Discussion:
I. Abel (v. 4) - Death not end of influence.
II. Enoch (v. 5-6) - It pays to please God.
III. Noah (v. 7) - Faithful few - Endurance, etc.
IV. Abraham (v. 8-18) - Obedience without knowing outcome.
V. Jacob (v. 21) - Endured in face of disappointments - work for wives.
VI. Joseph (v. 22) - Virtue under trial.
VII. Moses (v. 23-26) - Life more than money and pleasure.
VIII. Israel and Jericho (v. 30) - The power of God.
IX. Rahab (v. 31) – All can change.
X. Others (v. 32 ff) – Did not accept deliverance.
XI. The Ultimate Witness (12:2).

Conclusion:
A. Christianity is a struggle.
B. Given encouragement and assurance by Bible examples of struggle.