

Notes Voices #2 - Comparison

Comparison:

- Devalues your uniqueness
- Disrupts your calling
- Diverts your focus
- Destabilizes your sense of accomplishment

Hebrews 12:1-3 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people then you won't become weary and give up.

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- See
- Run
 - Romans 12:5-8 - We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.
- Rid
- Fix
- Fight

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Practical things to do to replace the voice of comparison with inspiration

- Start with gratitude
- Look back and compare to where you are now
- Don't always pick the very best person to compare yourself to
- When you find people who inspire you, learn from them
- Publicly praise the success of others
- Share your secrets of success and your struggles