

What's Holding You Back?

Series - Perseverance: Pursuing a Life That Matters
– Hebrews 12:1-3–

1. Throw Off Everything that Hinders

* *What is competing for your heart?*

2. Throw Off the Sin that Entangles

* *The Destructive Consequences of Sin - Heb. 3:12-13*

1. Stage One: SINFUL

2 Stage Two: UNBELIEF

3 Stage Three: TURNING AWAY

4 Stage Four: HARDENING

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. Are you more sensitive to sin and brokenness in yourself as a Christian than beforehand? Why?
3. Take some time think through and discuss these questions:
 - * What stirs your affections for Jesus?
 - * What robs you of those affections?
4. How are those two questions related to the obstacles that can hinder and entangle us in our race?
5. Look again at Hebrews 3:12-13. What would you say are sin's most powerful deceptions today... (a) in our world? (b) in your church? (c) in your home?
6. How would you describe your heart now: Soft? Hard? Cold? Warm? Other? Why?
7. From what you see in this passage, discuss together how you would complete this sentence:
What God really wants from me is. . .

