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*Petaluma Valley Baptist Church*

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**Proverbs 21:31** - The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord.

**John 16:33** - I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

## LESSON #2 \_\_\_\_\_ !

**Hebrews 12:1** 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.

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