

'God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.'

Text: Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV.

Step 1: Know God

James 2:19 NIV

John 3:16 NIV

Step 2: Serve God

Ephesians 2:8-10 NLT

1 Peter 2:9-10 NIV

Sometimes God's wonderful plan for your life doesn't seem so wonderful does it?

a. We've got company: Hebrews 12:1a *'Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses'*

Hebrews 11:32-40 NIV

b. We've got responsibility: Hebrews 12:1b *'let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance'*

Psalms 37:23

Hebrews 12:1b NLT

Exodus 23:27-30 NIV

c. We've got a divine destiny: Hebrews 12:1c *'the race that is set before us...'*

John 10:10 NIV

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

1 Peter 2:9 NIV

Psalms 37:23

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

d. We've got an example: Hebrews 12:2