



Hebrews 11 gives us a long list of God Followers. These men and women of God did extraordinary things for God's kingdom. Since God's Word is complete we cannot add names to that list. Everyone on it had died by the time this book was completed. But we can all think of somebody that we could add. People like John Wesley, Mother Theresa, & Billy Graham. And we all know of good and godly people we could add to that list. People who made a difference in our lives. People like Brian Haima.

These people, according to this passage did the following:

1. They threw off sin
2. They didn't know what was coming next.
3. They trust God completely
4. They ran the race God had for them.

Run the race that has been marked off for us. Not someone else's race but the one marked off by God for you to run. Even though you may only see to the next marker. When I ran cross-country I could only see so far ahead...one marker at a time. That is what God wants us to do. Look to Jesus. Don't try to see the whole race.

I didn't know Brian personally. I have read about the remarkable achievements of his sons. I have heard great warm stories from his family and friends. I see the gentle giant of his brother and I think even that gives me a glimpse. And I look at CSB at this church and understand Brian a little better. So as the men and boys of this church worked to achieve this new track it seemed very appropriate that it be named for one who poured his life into young men and boys. One who ran the race *marked out for him*. I think of what Christian Service Brigade, and Royal Rangers attempt to impart, what they stand for. What Brian stood for. What these men stand for. And it was a no-brainer. We honor God as we name this track the Brian Haima Memorial Speedway.

Some read Hebrews 12:1 and think that Brian and other loved ones are up there watching us. That is a sweet and sentimental thought. But Brian really does have something much better to do. He gets to look into the eyes of his Savior.

And someday we will too. But till then we run *this race*, in the memory of and in honor of Brian Haima and we do it for the glory of God. May he be pleased and honored by what we do here tonight.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Brian Haima Memorial Speedway.

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