I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. (Hebrews 13:22, ESV)

A “word of exhortation” (Gk., paraklesis) can be . . .

- a word of _______________________________.
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A “word of exhortation” is often needed when . . .

- when you are beginning something ________________
- when you are facing something ________________
- when you are in the middle of something __________
- when you are enduring something ________________

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfe$c{t}$or of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

(Hebrews 12:1-3, ESV)

1. You are not the __________, and you are not __________.

2. ___________________ ____________________.

3. ___________________ the ____________________.

4. ___________________ – keep your ______________ on Jesus.

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

(Hebrews 12:7-11, ESV)

5. Embrace the _____________ to get the ________________.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:58, ESV)