## It's Memorial Day—Lest We Forget Hebrews 12:1-2

INTRODUCTION: WWII GENERATION ALMOST GONE

Hebrews II—Faith's Hall of Fame.

"Great Cloud of Witnesses"

Persecution will come! Be Ready

What will be required of us?

Text: Great Stadium of Spiritual Athletes.

Filled with many great spiritual athletes who have finished their races.

No more historical memory!

An active, watching, throng shouting encouragement.

How shall we run our races?

## I. The Preparation

"Lay Aside"

Weight

So easily ensnares us.

## II. The Race

In the race "for which we are entered" Handicapped by sin and temptation Our advantage—examples before us

- 1. Patience
- 2. Perseverance

Our goal—Jesus Christ

## III. The Gratitude—Memorial Day

- 1. Memorial—recall
- 2. Appreciate persons prior to their deaths
- 3. Don't wait too long!

Conclusion: Memorial Day: The reality of life and death

Life is a gift—undeserved

Death seals our legacy and contribution