

RUNNING THE RACE

"Pursue The Process"

Hebrews 12:1-3
January 17, 2021 AM Service

Step #1 Identify the Standard of Commitment

Step #2 Apply the Discipline of Conditioning

Step #3 Embrace the Grind of Competition.

Run the race to win! I Corinthians 9:24-27

1. Let US . . . Personal

- A. This is not a <u>spectator</u> sport
- B. The race is <u>personal</u> and <u>experiential</u>.

2. RUN.. Progress

- A. Discipleship is a life-long process!
- B. Are you on the journey of Faith?

3. The RACE . . . Pain & Participants

- A. We are running a challenging & sometimes difficult race
- B. We are not running un-contested

Our enemies:

- 1. The flesh
- 2. The world
- 3. The devil

4. That is SET before us . . . Plan

A. God has a <u>purpose</u> for your life!

B. Tragedy: Ladder of life on the wrong wall

5. With ENDURANCE . . . Perseverance

- C. It's a marathon, not a sprint!
- D. It's not how <u>long</u>, but who's standing at the end.

Just get up . . . One More Time!

Our Response:

- 1. Have you truly even started the race, because you are not in the race until you know the author of the race personally, Jesus?
- 2. Do you like to win at something? Why or why not? Why is winning important in the race of our life? What does it mean to win?
- 3. How would you describe your level of commitment to the race: still at the starting line, sitting still; crawling, coasting, walking, or running...? Explain why.
- 4. Why is it hard to get back up once we've fallen down in the race, especially more than once? It makes us want to quit. What will it take for you to get back up and get back in the race today?
- 5. What is God's plan & purpose for your race? If you don't know, spend time starting now to discover what that is.
- 6. What does is mean it's now how long, but who's standing at the end? Why is this significant?