

YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME

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Romans 8:28-29

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and Are CALLED according to his PURPOSE for them. For God knew His people in advance, and he chose them to become like His Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters.

The Big Question for Today: How Do I Run My Race In Order To Become What God Has Called Me To Be?

To run the marathon to maturity, I must...

SIMPLIFY MY LIFE

Hebrews 12:1

“Let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us.”

I must let go of...

- The WEIGHTS
- The SINS
- The EXPECTATIONS

Question: What do you need to drop in order to run the race set before you?

DON'T GET IMPATIENT OR IN A HURRY

Hebrews 12:1b

“...let us run WITH PATIENCE the particular race that God has set before us.”

Question: What are areas of your life where you need more patience?

SPEND TIME FOCUSING ON JESUS EVERY DAY

Hebrews 12:2a

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish”

Question: Are you making time every week to spend time with God? If not, why?

WHEN LIFE GETS HARD, REMEMBER THE REWARD

Hebrews 12:2-3

Jesus did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. Think of what he went through; how he out up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up!

1 Peter 5:10

After you suffer for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right. He will make you strong and support you and keep you from falling. He called you to share in his glory in Christ, a glory that will continue forever.

Romans 8:17

Since we are His children, we will share his treasures – for everything God gives to His Son, Christ, is ours, too. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Question: In the hard times, what keeps you from looking towards the ultimate reward and vision?

GATHER A TEAM TO RUN WITH YOU

Hebrews 10:24-25

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.

Question: Who are the five people I am most surrounded with? Are they making me better? Am I making them better?

TAKE EVERY STEP WITH PURPOSE

1 Corinthians 9:35-26

“All athletes practice strict self control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for the eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches.”

Hebrews 12:12-13

“Lift up your tired hands then, and strengthen your trembling knees! Keep walking on straight paths, so that your lame foot may not be disabled, but instead be healed.”

Question: What are those areas that you are lacking discipline and consistency with?

LEAVE THE PAST IN THE PAST

Philippians 3:12-14

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be.... I am still not all that I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling up in Heaven.

One of the biggest reasons that keeps us from our calling and our purpose is the shame of our past.

Question: What are the hurts, pains and resentments that I need to let go of in order to reach my destiny?

NEVER GIVE UP ON YOURSELF BECAUSE GOD WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON YOU

Philippians 1:6

“I am sure that God, who began the good work within though, will continue his work until the work is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again!”

NEXT STEPS

- Join a small group
- Get involved in the life of this church – use your talents here