



RUN

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September 24, 2017

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Running for What Matters

(2 Timothy 4:7-8 NLT) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of His return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to His appearing.

- √ _____ matters.
- √ I am designed _____
with _____ and with _____.

(Matthew 22:37-39) 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Truth #1: People _____.

(Genesis 6:5) The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.

Truth #2: Jesus _____.

(Hebrews 2:17-18 MSG) That's why He had to enter into every detail of human life. Then, when He came before God as high priest to get rid of the people's sins, He would have already experienced it all Himself—all the pain, all the testing—and would be able to help where help was needed.

Truth #3: People _____.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12) Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up... A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Truth #4: God wants to _____.

(2 Corinthians 5:17-21) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

How Do I Run with People?

1. _____ any _____ relationships.

(Proverbs 13:20) He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

2. _____ my _____ relationships.

(Romans 12:17-18) Do not repay anyone evil for evil... If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

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(Hebrews 10:24-25) And let us...not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4. _____ in my _____ relationships.

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Jesus _____

so I can _____.

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