



## RUN

Part 1 – Run with Passion  
September 3, 2017

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### We Are All Running

✓ What are you \_\_\_\_\_?

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✓ How \_\_\_\_\_?

(Matthew 22:37-38) Jesus replied: "'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."

### Running to Win the Prize

(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.

(Hebrews 12:1) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

### Decide Why You Are Running

1. Run to \_\_\_\_\_.

(Philippians 3:7-12) But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ... I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings... Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

2. Run with \_\_\_\_\_.

(Acts 13:22b) I have found David...a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.

(Psalm 42:1-2) As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

3. Run to \_\_\_\_\_.

(Matthew 6:33) But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

4. Run to \_\_\_\_\_.

(Matthew 7:21-23) Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name and in Your name drive out demons and in Your name perform many miracles?" Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you."

(Ephesians 1:17-18) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people,

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- Education
- Career
- Marriage
- Children
- Retirement
- Sports
- Entertainment

√ How am I running?

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