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Message Title: Uncomfortable for the Win

Big Idea: Winning our race will mean embracing discomfort.

Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. **8** Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

1. Embrace the gift of God's grace.

There is a great difference between content & complacent.

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, **11** if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

1 Peter 4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

2. Embrace the crucified life.

We need to know the crucified life to enjoy a victorious life.

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

"Press on" is a picture of stretching for the tape to win a race.

"Lay hold" is to grab something & hold it.

3. Embrace the opportunities you have.

1% more makes a huge difference.

15 Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. **16** Nevertheless, to *the degree* that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind. **17** Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

4. Embrace the need for maturity.

Jesus, Paul, Joshua, Mary, Esther, Joseph, William Carey, CT Studd, Bruchko, Amy Carmichael.
No one is ever done; we must all pressing for greater maturity.

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose glory is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

There are **people** in the **church** who **reject the cross** & self-denial they look good outwardly but inside they are ruled by pride & self.

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

12 Uncomfortable Choices at 1%

Fasting, Prayer, Giving, Confession/Repentance, Evangelism, Worship, Scripture, Love/Compassion, Service, Spiritual gifts, Rest/stop trying to control, Hospitality

LIFE Group Discussion

General Timeline Guide: (Adjust as appropriate for your group's needs.)

5-10 minutes connecting personally with how everyone is doing.

45 minutes going over message with discussion questions and life applications.

5-10 minutes praying for each other

Look over these questions before your group time. Write down your answers or ideas for at least a few questions if not all. You may not get to every question during your time but speak up if you want to talk about one of them in particular. Always try to start with question #1.

1. What stood out to you and/or what do you think God might be speaking about from this message?
2. What are practical ways to identify idols in our lives, particularly when they are as subtle as comfort? See Matthew 6:19-21
3. How does living a crucified life function in our Christian life to produce spiritual growth? See James 1:2-4
4. What are religious works people may trust in instead of grace? What is the role of works in salvation? See James 2:17
5. What “race” has God called you to run right now? What would winning look like? Remember, you can’t control outcomes.