CALLED TO BECOME

LIVE YOUR CALLING: Week 4

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PEACE 1-DAY

"And 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..." (Romans 8:28–29, NLT)

MY 3rd LIFE CALLING: **BECOME LIKE CHRIST**

HOW DO I BECOME WHAT GOD CALLS ME TO BE?

Running Your Marathon to Maturity:

1. SET MY PACE.

"...let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us." (Hebrews 12:1, The Living Bible)

2. FORGET THE **PAST**.

"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...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 us up to heaven." (Philippians 3:12-14, NLT)

3. ADJUST MY PRIORITIES.

"...let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back...and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us." (Hebrews 12:1, The Living Bible)

4. PLACE MY FOCUS ON THE RIGHT PERSON.

"We must focus on Jesus, the source and goal of our faith..." (Hebrews 12:2, GW)

"I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us…" (Philippians 3:14–15, The Message)

5. BE <u>PERSISTENT</u> THROUGH THE PROBLEMS.

"[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-hand side of God's throne. Think of what he went through; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up." (Hebrews 12:2–3, GNB)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28, NIV)

6. RUN WITH PURPOSE!

"All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing." (1 Corinthians 9:25–26, NLT)

"...As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him." (2 Corinthians 3:18, The Living Bible)

7. TRUST GOD TO FINISH THE **PROCESS**!

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." (Philippians 1:6, NLT)

"Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is." (1 John 3:2, NLT)

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