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WARRIOR'S HEART
BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM ONE MAN AT A TIME



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Chapter 9 – 156 Buck-Naked Miles to Bighorn
Steve Diserens

HELP for the Long Journey!

Training for These Races

6.2

26.2

140.6

And Epic Ones Too ...

156

98,550

156 miles _____ – The Buck-Naked Legend

98,550 miles _____ X _____ X _____

Rewind – Finishing Strong

“There are 1,000 men mentioned in the Bible. Of those we know details about
_____ men. Only _____ of the _____ **FINISH STRONG!**”

Steve Farrar

Signing Up for the Race

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(Hebrews 12: 1 – 2 NIV)

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Training Steps for US to Finish Strong

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(Gen 39: 2 – 4; 6 – 7; 8 – 10 NIV)

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Upcoming Men's Events

- Sept. 8 - Warrior's Heart Fall Semester
"Unbounded: Colossians & Philemon"
- Sept. 17 - Men:Serve
- Sept. 23 - Hooked to Holy w/ Robby Gallaty
- Oct. 1 - 10k Spiritual Fathers
- Oct. 22 - Car Care Ministry

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John Colter – The Buck-Naked Legend

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4.5 Miles/Day x 365 Days/Year x 60 Years

Our Lives

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Choose Purity



¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

(1 Cor 6: 18 NIV)

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