

# SEVEN

THE 7 STATEMENTS OF JESUS FROM THE CROSS

## **INTO THE BIBLE**

*“Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God.”*

### **Hebrews 12:2 MSG**

*“When he had received the drink, Jesus said, ‘It is finished.’ With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

### **John 19:30 NIV**

*“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

### **Matthew 25:23 NIV**

*“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”*

### **Acts 20:24 NIV**

*“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.”*

### **1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV**

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*

### **2 Timothy 4:7 NIV**

# **SERMON TAKEAWAYS**

IT IS FINISHED

HOW TO FINISH OUR RACE WELL

- 1. Ditch The Extra**
- 2. Focus On The Finish**
- 3. Don't Let Up**

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your joy right now (1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest)? What is the cause?*

*2. When you experience difficult circumstances or trying times, what do you focus on? Do you focus on the here and now or the finish line?*

*3. What "extra" things do you need to ditch so that you can cross your finish line with joy? What makes it difficult to get rid of these things?*

*4. If you were going to run a race, how would you prepare for the race and what things would you look forward to?*

*5. Describe a time in your life when you persevered because you had people around you cheering you on? How does it make you feel when others are championing you to finish?*

## **PRAYER FOCUS**

*Thank God for designing and preparing a specific race, just for you. Ask God to reveal things to you that you need to throw aside to run well. Focus on your finish line knowing that your pain has a purpose.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COVID-19** // *During this time of social distancing make sure to stay connected to the church! Remember, we are better together!*

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