

***FINISH
STRONG***

A stylized, low-poly illustration of a runner in motion, composed of various geometric shapes in shades of red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple. The runner is positioned on the right side of the image, leaning forward with one leg extended back and arms pumping. The background is a dark, textured grey with white brushstrokes at the bottom.

**FINISHING STRONG
IS SPIRITUAL WARFARE.**

MOTIVATION GETS YOU STARTED.

DISCIPLINE GETS YOU TO THE FINISH LINE.

**PEOPLE DON'T STOP BECAUSE SCRIPTURE
ISN'T POWERFUL, THEY STOP BECAUSE THEY
UNDERESTIMATE CONSISTENCY.**

CRAIG GROESCHEL

**“SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE DO CONSISTENTLY
WHAT OTHER PEOPLE DO OCCASIONALLY.”**

**TRUTH: OCCASIONAL OBEDIENCE PRODUCES
OCCASIONAL FRUIT. CONSISTENT OBEDIENCE
PRODUCES LASTING CHANGE.**

EXCUSE #1: "I JUST GOT TOO BUSY"

TRANSLATION: SOMETHING ELSE BECAME
MORE IMPORTANT.

TRUTH: BUSY ISN'T THE ENEMY MISPLACED
PRIORITY IS.

MATTHEW 6:33

“SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM...”

EXCUSE #2: "I WASN'T SEEING RESULTS"

TRANSLATION: I EXPECTED PROGRESS

FASTER THAN GOD PROMISED IT.

TRUTH: HARVEST DOESN'T HAPPEN

OVERNIGHT; IT HAPPENS AT THE APPOINTED

TIME

GALATIANS 6:9 NLT

**SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD. AT JUST
THE RIGHT TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST OF BLESSING
IF WE DON'T GIVE UP.**

EXCUSE #3: "I LOST MOTIVATION"

TRANSLATION: "WAS LIVING OFF EMOTION

INSTEAD OF COMMITMENT.

TRUTH: MOTIVATION FADES.

FAITHFULNESS REMAINS.

EXCUSE #4: "IT JUST GOT TOO HARD"

TRANSLATION: THIS REQUIRED MORE

ENDURANCE THAN I PLANNED FOR.

TRUTH: DIFFICULTY ISN'T A SIGN YOU

MISSED GOD, OFTEN IT'S PROOF YOU'RE

OBEYING HIM.

HEBREWS 12:11 NLT

“THEREFORE, SINCE WE ARE SURROUNDED BY SUCH A HUGE CROWD OF WITNESSES TO THE LIFE OF FAITH, LET US STRIP OFF EVERY WEIGHT THAT SLOWS US DOWN, ESPECIALLY THE SIN THAT SO EASILY TRIPS US UP. AND LET US RUN WITH ENDURANCE THE RACE GOD HAS SET BEFORE US. 2 WE DO THIS BY KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE CHAMPION WHO INITIATES AND PERFECTS OUR FAITH.”

EXCUSE #5: "GOD UNDERSTANDS"

TRANSLATION: I'M USING GOD'S GRACE TO

EXCUSE MY INCONSISTENCY.

TRUTH: GRACE DOESN'T LOWER THE BAR.

GRACE GIVES US THE STRENGTH TO KEEP

WALKING EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD.

JAMES 4:17 NLT

**REMEMBER, IT IS SIN TO KNOW WHAT YOU OUGHT TO DO
AND THEN NOT DO IT.**

ROMANS 6:1—2 NLT

**WELL THEN, SHOULD WE KEEP ON SINNING SO THAT GOD
CAN SHOW US MORE AND MORE OF HIS WONDERFUL
GRACE? OF COURSE NOT! SINCE WE HAVE DIED TO SIN,
HOW CAN WE CONTINUE TO LIVE IN IT?**

GENESIS 6:8-9 NLT

BUT NOAH FOUND FAVOR IN THE EYES OF THE LORD.⁹ THIS IS THE ACCOUNT OF NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. NOAH WAS A RIGHTEOUS MAN, BLAMELESS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF HIS TIME, AND HE WALKED FAITHFULLY WITH GOD.

HEBREW

RIGHTEOUS — צַדִּיק (SA-DEEK)

JUST, IN THE RIGHT, UPRIGHT, DEVOUT

BLAMELESS — מֵיִם פֶּתִי (TA-MEEN)

FREE OF GUILT, WITHOUT FAULT,

NOT SUBJECT TO BLAME.

GENESIS 6:11-22 NLT

NOW THE EARTH WAS CORRUPT IN GOD'S SIGHT AND WAS FULL OF VIOLENCE. ¹² GOD SAW HOW CORRUPT THE EARTH HAD BECOME, FOR ALL THE PEOPLE ON EARTH HAD CORRUPTED THEIR WAYS.

GENESIS 6:11-22 NLT

¹³ SO GOD SAID TO NOAH, "I AM GOING TO PUT AN END TO ALL PEOPLE, FOR THE EARTH IS FILLED WITH VIOLENCE BECAUSE OF THEM. I AM SURELY GOING TO DESTROY BOTH THEM AND THE EARTH. ¹⁴ SO MAKE YOURSELF AN ARK OF CYPRESS WOOD; MAKE ROOMS IN IT AND COAT IT WITH PITCH INSIDE AND OUT.

GENESIS 6:11-22 NLT

**¹⁵ THIS IS HOW YOU ARE TO BUILD IT: THE ARK IS TO BE
THREE HUNDRED CUBITS LONG, FIFTY CUBITS WIDE AND
THIRTY CUBITS HIGH.**

GENESIS 6:11-22 NLT

¹⁶ MAKE A ROOF FOR IT, LEAVING BELOW THE ROOF AN OPENING ONE CUBIT HIGH ALL AROUND. PUT A DOOR IN THE SIDE OF THE ARK AND MAKE LOWER, MIDDLE AND UPPER DECKS. ¹⁷ I AM GOING TO BRING FLOODWATERS ON THE EARTH TO DESTROY ALL LIFE UNDER THE HEAVENS, EVERY CREATURE THAT HAS THE BREATH OF LIFE IN IT. EVERYTHING ON EARTH WILL PERISH.

GENESIS 6:11-22 NLT

¹⁸ BUT I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU, AND YOU
WILL ENTER THE ARK—YOU AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR
WIFE AND YOUR SONS' WIVES WITH YOU.

HEBREW:

COVENANT — תִּרְבָּה (BAH-REET)

BINDING AGREEMENT, VOW, PLEDGE,

A SOLEMN PROMISE

GENESIS 6:11-22 NLT

²² NOAH DID EVERYTHING JUST AS GOD COMMANDED HIM.

**OBEY GOD BEFORE
YOU SEE THE RESULTS!**

**YOU HAVE TO BE OBEDIENT WITH
WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN
GIVEN BEFORE GOD GIVES YOU
SOMETHING ELSE!**

LUKE 16:10 NLT

**IF YOU ARE FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS, YOU WILL BE
FAITHFUL IN LARGE ONES. BUT IF YOU ARE DISHONEST IN
LITTLE THINGS, YOU WON'T BE HONEST WITH GREATER
RESPONSIBILITIES.**

OBEDIENCE = FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS COMES BEFORE

FRUITFULNESS!

**DON'T ALLOW THE CULTURE TO
DICTATE YOUR ACTIONS!**

**WE CAN'T FINISH STRONG AND
FOLLOW THE CROWD.**

2 PETER 2:5 NLT

AND GOD DID NOT SPARE THE ANCIENT WORLD EXCEPT FOR NOAH AND THE SEVEN OTHERS IN HIS FAMILY. NOAH WARNED THE WORLD OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT. SO GOD PROTECTED NOAH WHEN HE DESTROYED THE WORLD OF UNGODLY PEOPLE WITH A VAST FLOOD.

1 PETER 2:1 NLT

**SO GET RID OF ALL EVIL BEHAVIOR. BE DONE WITH ALL
DECEIT, HYPOCRISY, JEALOUSY, AND ALL UNKIND SPEECH.**

1 PETER 2:9 NLT

BUT YOU ARE NOT LIKE THAT, FOR YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE. YOU ARE ROYAL PRIESTS, A HOLY NATION, GOD'S VERY OWN POSSESSION. AS A RESULT, YOU CAN SHOW OTHERS THE GOODNESS OF GOD, FOR HE CALLED YOU OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT.

1 PETER 2:10 NLT

**ONCE YOU HAD NO IDENTITY AS A PEOPLE; NOW YOU ARE
GOD'S PEOPLE. ONCE YOU RECEIVED NO MERCY; NOW YOU
HAVE RECEIVED GOD'S MERCY.**

1 PETER 2:11-12 NLT

**DEAR FRIENDS, I WARN YOU AS “TEMPORARY RESIDENTS
AND FOREIGNERS” TO KEEP AWAY FROM WORLDLY
DESIRES THAT WAGE WAR AGAINST YOUR VERY SOULS.¹²
BE CAREFUL TO LIVE PROPERLY AMONG YOUR
UNBELIEVING NEIGHBORS.**

1 PETER 2:11-12 NLT

**THEN EVEN IF THEY ACCUSE YOU OF DOING WRONG, THEY
WILL SEE YOUR HONORABLE BEHAVIOR, AND THEY WILL
GIVE HONOR TO GOD WHEN HE JUDGES THE WORLD.**

**REMEMBER FAITH ISN'T FAST,
IT'S FAITHFUL.**

**GOD HAS SOMETHING
INCREDIBLE IN STORE FOR YOU!**

GALATIANS 6:9 NLT

**SO LET'S NOT GET TIRED OF DOING WHAT IS GOOD. AT JUST
THE RIGHT TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST OF BLESSING
IF WE DON'T GIVE UP.**

**YOU CAN'T HAVE FRUITFULNESS
WITHOUT FAITHFULNESS.**

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