



# Intro: The Training Run



**THE RESPONSE TO GOD**

- Believe the Gospel
- Ring the Bell
- Be Baptised

**THE WORD OF GOD**

OR

- Join a Bible Study
- Join a 2:7 Group

**THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

- Join a Community Group
- "Do Life" with Other Believers

**THE SPIRIT OF GOD**

- Daily Become More Like Jesus
- Write a Testimony of Transformation
- Share Your Testimony with Others

**THE MISSION OF GOD**

- Help Others Respond to God
- Lead Others Down the Discipleship Path

## The FBC Discipleship Path

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**Hebrews 10:23**

# **I. No Swerving! (23)**

**"Hold unswervingly to the hope we profess..."**

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Hold = katechōmen

(Catechism - training in sound doctrine... hold fast to TRUTH)



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To avoid swerving in our faith, there is one specific thing we must hold fast to... the HOPE we profess.

“We have this HOPE as an anchor for our souls...” - Heb 6:19

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We can't see the Heavenly City yet... but we are confident because of the CHARACTER and perfect track record of God!



**Hebrews 10:24**

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A marathon isn't meant to be run  
ALONE... and neither is our FAITH  
JOURNEY!



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**“Therefore, since WE are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let US run the race marked out for US.”**

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Spur one another on... Greek word literally means "PROVOKE".

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There will be times when we are tempted to quit running the race and give up... this is when we **NEED** other believers to "spur us on".

**Hebrews 10:25**

### **III. No Lone Rangers (25)**

We **NEED** each other... and yet **SOME** are in the habit of giving up meeting together!

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Online meetings, online jobs, online school, online church... we can live without ANY face-to-face interaction... and it's not GOOD!



### **III. No Lone Rangers (25)**

If we stay in our comfort zones, we never grow... we stay the same.  
And the goal of discipleship is most definitely NOT to stay the way we are!

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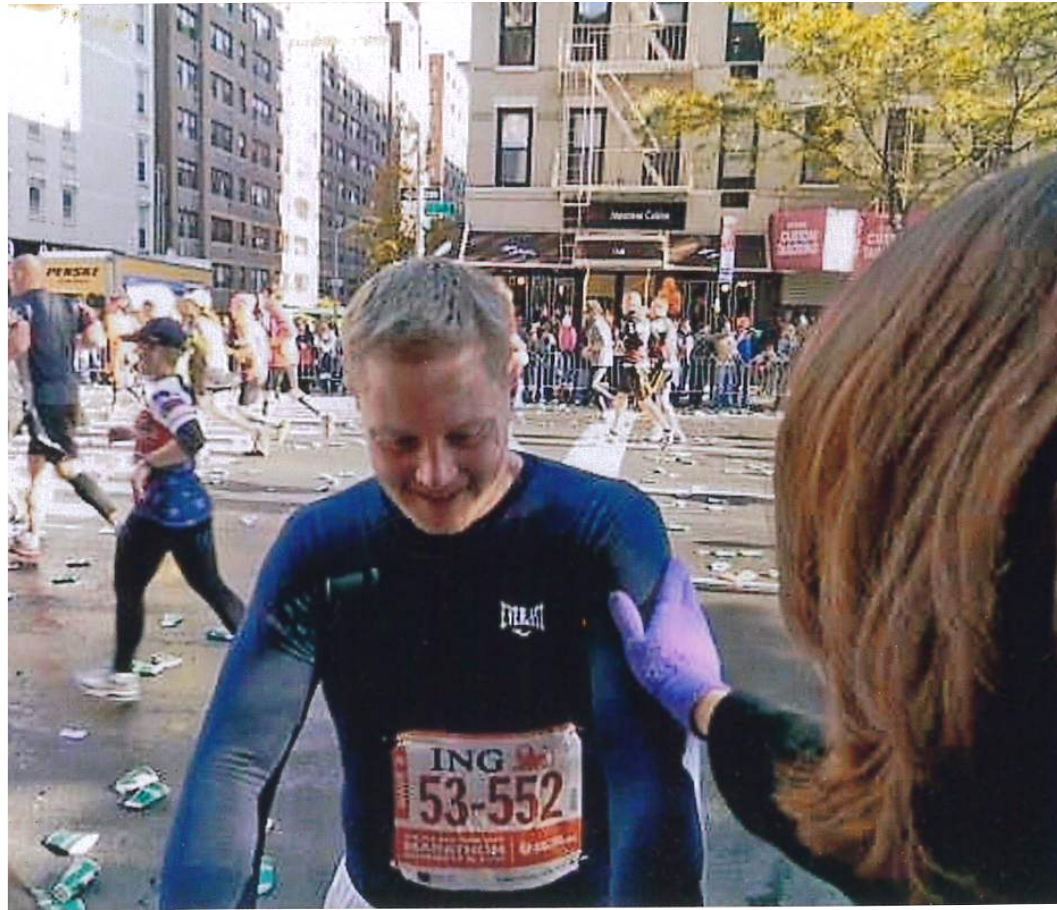
"Synagogue" - the church  
gathering

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"epi" means "in addition"... gather together **IN ADDITION** to the synagogue! (See Acts 2)

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The joy of the race is the joy of the Church... we are called to do life TOGETHER... to encourage and even PROVOKE one another toward Christ-likeness!

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The Author of Hebrews is calling us to MORE than Sunday mornings



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The FBC mechanism for "doing life together" = Community Groups!

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A Community Group is like have  
10-20 Spiritual TRAINING PARTNERS

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Interested in participating in CG -  
fill out the card on your seat

Interested in leading/hosting a CG  
or a summer "block party" in your  
area - talk to PD after service!

