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1. IT WILL COST ME MY RIGHT TO BE IN _____. (vv. 14–19)

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Who is the authority in your life — you or Jesus?

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40 authors • 1,500 years • 3 continents • 3 languages • 1 unified story

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"Flee" = *pheugō* — run like a fugitive

RUN FROM — whatever feeds your cravings.

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RUN TO — righteousness, faith, love and peace.

It's not enough to run from something; you have to run to someone.

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CONNECT — Life Group / Triad COMMIT — real relationships

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"Gently instructed" = power under control. I know the truth, but I choose to speak it in love — just like Jesus did.

DO THE WORD — JAMES 1:22 *"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

Where in your life are you still in the driver's seat, telling God,
"Not this area — I've got this"?

What's one craving you've been playing close to the edge with...
instead of running from it? What's one step you'll take this week to put
distance between you and it?

Who is your "Colin"? Who's one person far from God you could love, lean into, and
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