

RUN YOUR RACE!

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Hebrews 12:1-3 (NLT)

YOUR RACE IS YOUR GOD-GIVEN ASSIGNMENT HERE ON EARTH

GOD WILL GIVE YOU THE GRACE TO RUN **YOUR RACE**

*I have **fought** the good **fight**, I have finished the **race**, I have kept the faith.*
2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV)

How To Stay Encouraged While Running Your Race

1. Look at the **LIVES OF WINNERS.**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a **huge crowd of witnesses** to the life of faith...**Hebrews 12:1a (NLT)***

*Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago **to teach us**. And the Scriptures give us **hope** and **encouragement** as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled. **Romans 15:4 (NLT)***

*Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! **1 Corinthians 9:24 (NLT)***

What does it mean to win?

Winning is not what you have done compared to someone else.

**Winning is what you have done
compared to what you were created to do.**

2. Look at **YOUR OWN LIFE**.

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Hebrews 12:1b (NLT)

Weights That Can Slow Us Down

- People
- Possessions
- Past
- Pride
- Pain
- Proclivities

3. Look at the **LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST**.

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