



the
LEGACY
of a
WELL-RUN RACE



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Part 2: Persevering in Your Race (Back-to-School)



Perseverance:

“steadfastness in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.”

Hebrews 12:1-4

¹ "Therefore, since *we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*
² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Hebrews 12:1-4

³ *Consider him who endured* from sinners such hostility against himself, *so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.* ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

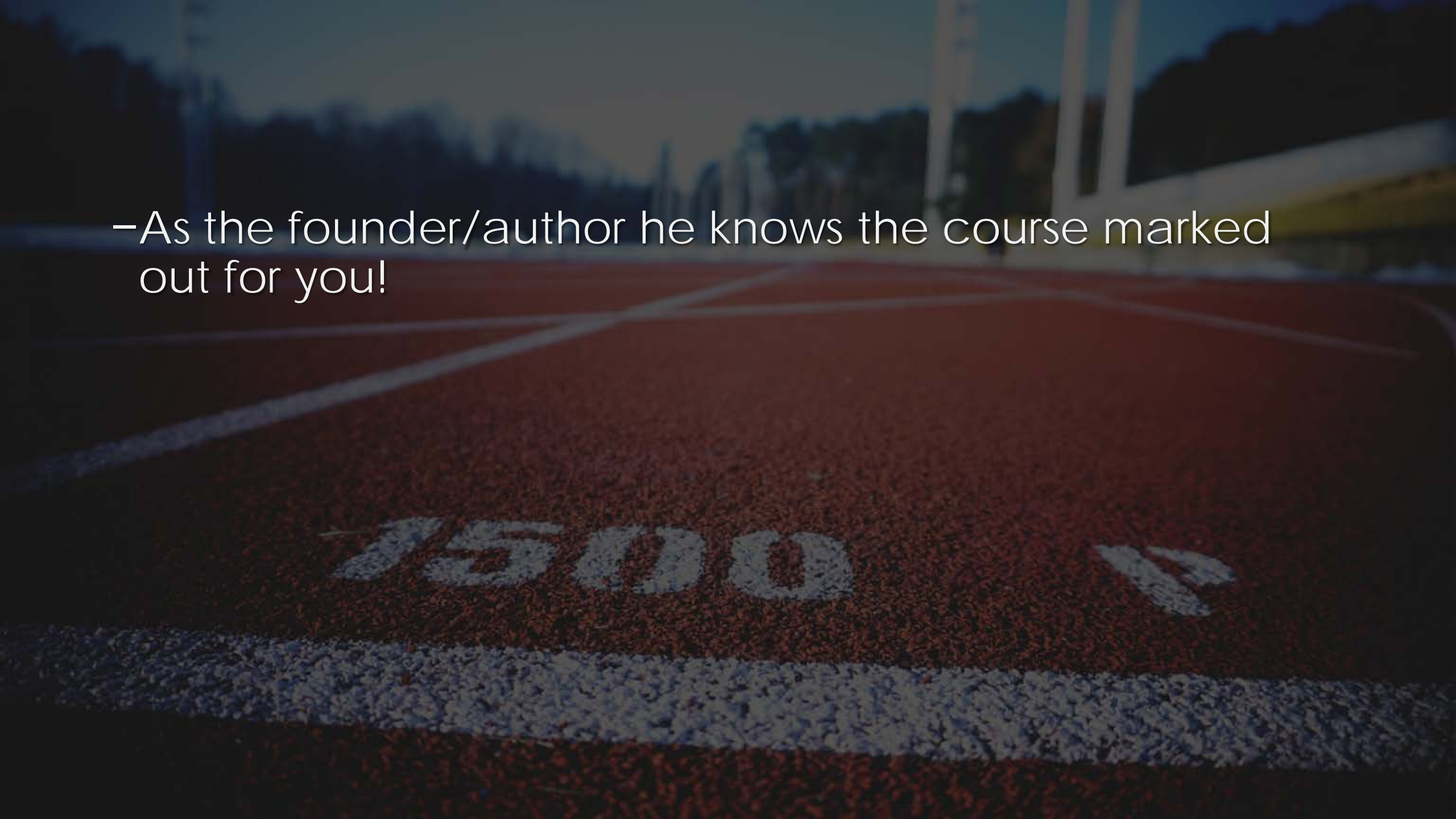


Lock Eyes with Jesus

Hebrews 12:2

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"The Greek word for 'looking' is a much fuller word than we can find in the English language. ***It has a preposition in it which turns the look away from everything else.*** You are to look from all beside to Jesus. Fix not thy gaze upon the cloud of witnesses; they will hinder thee if they take away thine eye from Jesus. Look not on the weights and the besetting sin-these thou hast laid aside; look away from them. Do not even look upon the race-course, or the competitors, but ***look to Jesus and so start in the race.***" (Spurgeon)



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-He wants you to complete the race & will complete you in the race!

Matthew 14:22–33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea.

Matthew 14:22–33

²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸ And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "**Come.**" ***So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus.***

Matthew 14:22–33

³⁰ *But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink* he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And *those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."*



"God knows our situation; He will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome. What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our will to overcome them."

- C.S. Lewis



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Hebrews 12:3-4

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