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# The Legacy of a Well-Run Race

Part 6: The Motivation of Your Race



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*The fear-based race is always running away from something: either the fear of God's judgement or the accountability of our sinfulness.*





# The Grace-based Race



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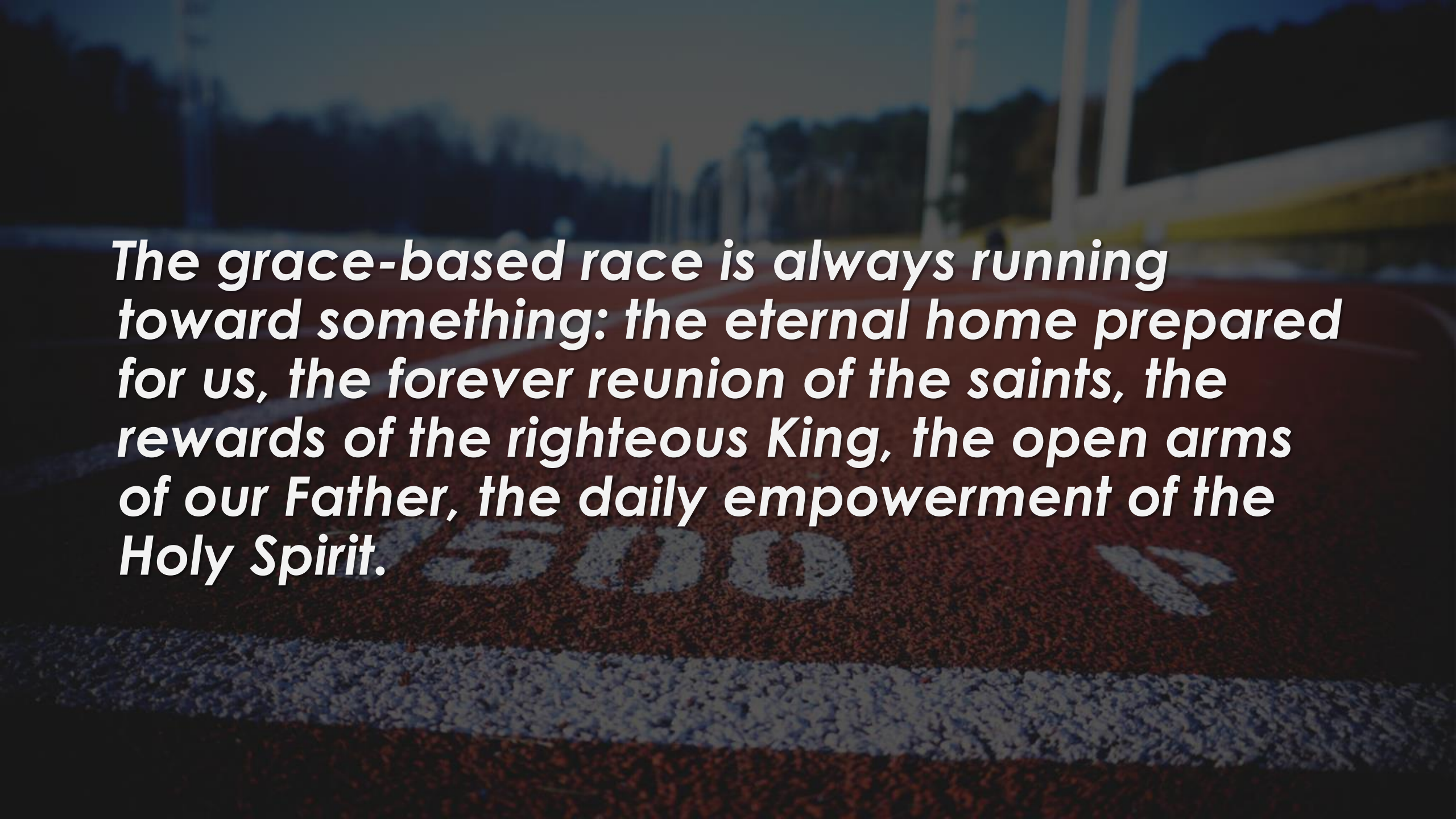
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## Romans 8:3-4

<sup>3</sup> For *God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,* <sup>4</sup> *in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,* who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.





***The grace-based race is always running toward something: the eternal home prepared for us, the forever reunion of the saints, the rewards of the righteous King, the open arms of our Father, the daily empowerment of the Holy Spirit.***



# Running for the Cause of Worship



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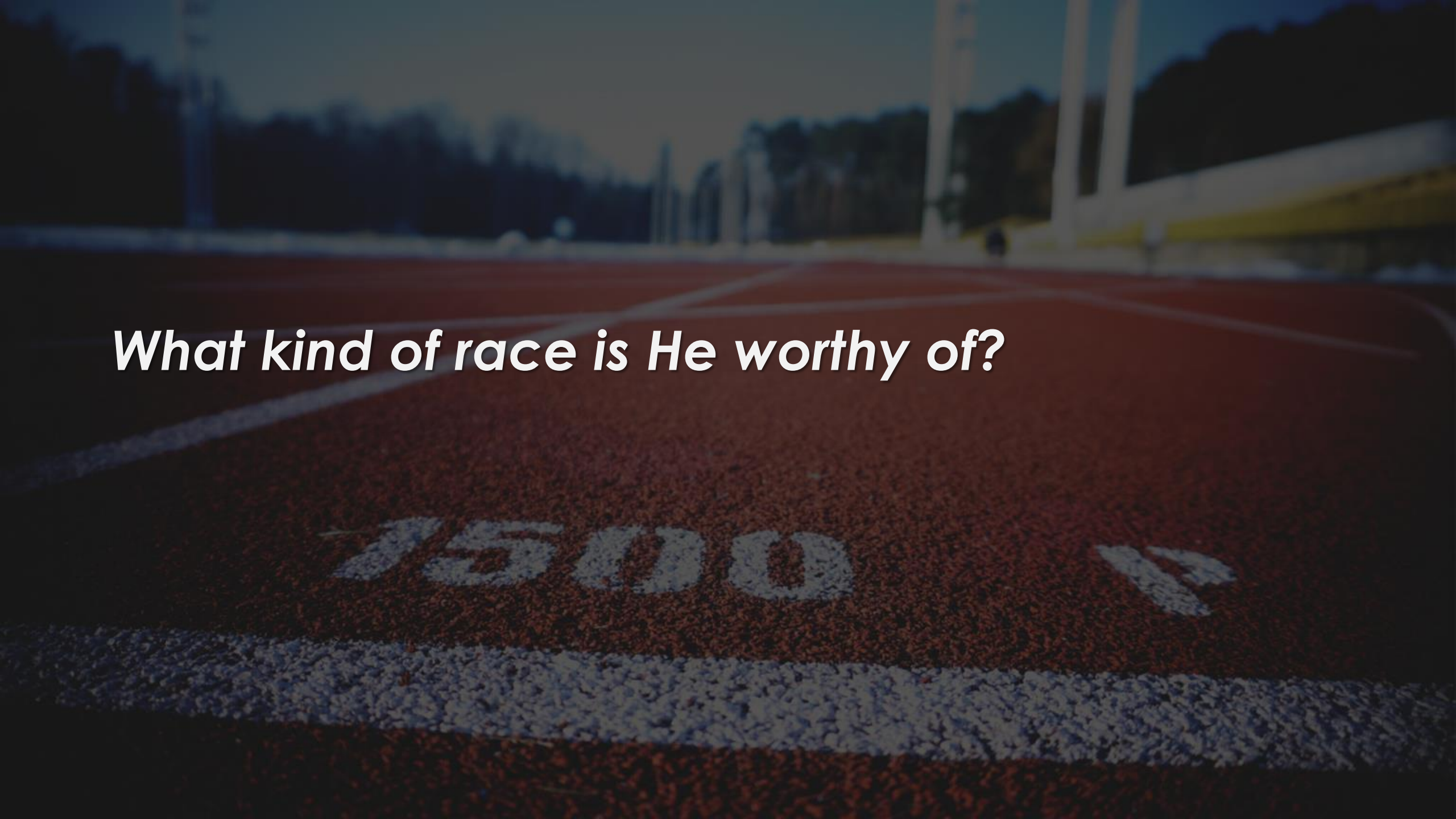
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*What kind of race is He worthy of?*

# 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> ***Every athlete exercises self-control*** in all things. ***They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.*** <sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But ***I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.***



*Why do you run?*

