

DARING FAITH

Ryland Walter | February 11-12, 2023

Week 1: Daring To Give God My Best

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To Win The Prize, I Must...

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3. _____ myself

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The Extra Point: Stay Focused on the _____

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The time is here for me to leave this life. ⁷ I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. ⁸ And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear. 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (GNT)

HALFTIME REPORT

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DARING TO GIVE GOD MY BEST
Talk-it-Over Notes | February 11-12, 2023

REVIEW IT

God tells us many times that this world is not going to last. The universe is winding down, history is moving toward a climax—Jesus Christ is coming again. The Bible has more to say about his second coming, in fact, than it does about his first. So, the Apostle Paul uses the illustration of a race for how we are to live our lives... Being focused on the race God has set before us and making it to the finish line.

To win the prize, I must...

1. Intend to win
2. Eliminate distractions
3. Discipline myself
4. Stay focused on the reward

Spend some time in the word. Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What stood out to you in this message or this service?
2. Which of the four things to win the prize resonated with you most.
3. "Run your best in the race of faith, and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you when you firmly professed your faith before many witnesses." 1 Timothy 6:12 (GNT) This is referencing Timothy's baptism. Have you been baptized and professed your faith? visit rockbrook.org/baptism and reach out to the church if you have more questions.
4. What distractions do you see in our world that are pulling people off course? What is a distraction you could cut out?

ACT ON IT

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PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer. If able, consider getting on your knees as a group to demonstrate your desire for God.