

RUN

Part 2 – Run with Perseverance September 10, 2017

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We Are Running to Win	
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	(Matthew 10:22b NKJV) But he who endures to the end will be saved.
	(Philippians 1:6) Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
	(Galatians 5:7 NLT) You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth?
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How Do I Run to Win?

(Hebrews 12:1-3) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

2.	Let go of
3.	Run with
4.	Focus on
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- √ What am I <u>running from</u>?
 - People
 - Past
 - Problems

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- 1. Let go of unhealthy things.
- 2. Let go of <u>sin</u>.
- 3. Run with perseverance.
- 4. Focus on Jesus.

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- 5. Let go of the past.
- 6. Press forward in faith.

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God wants to <u>settle your past</u> so He can give you a bright future.

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