

YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME

Week 4 - WOEAHF

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.” Romans 8:28-29

MY 3RD CALLING: TO BECOME LIKE CHRIST

To run the marathon to maturity I must...

1. SIMPLIFY MY LIFE

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

2. DON'T GET IMPATIENT OR IN A HURRY!

“And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” Heb 12:1b

3. SPEND TIME FOCUSING ON JESUS EVERYDAY!

“We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.” Hebrews 12:2

“Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives...and prayed.” Luke 22:39-41

4. WHEN LIFE GETS HARD, REMEMBER THE REWARD!

“Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne. ³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. ⁴ After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.” Hebrews 12:2-4

“In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation. ¹¹ All power to him forever! Amen.” 1 Peter 5:10-11

5. GATHER A TEAM TO RUN WITH ME

“Let us think of ways to motivate (spur) one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

6. TAKE EVERY STEP WITH PURPOSE!

“All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.” 1 Corinthians 9:25-27

7. REALIZE WHAT I DON'T FINISH, GOD WILL!

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.” Philippians 1:6