

Embrace the Race
Kick-off Breakfast
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A lifetime mission of testifying to the Gospel of God's saving grace
B Hebrews 12:1
The race that is set before us
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B 2 Tim 4:7
To finish
C Heb 12:1
To persevere
D Eccl 9:11
To trust God for the outcome
- III How do I get started?
A Heb 12:2
Get yourself a coach: Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith
B Heb 12:3
Jesus knows the course because he ran it himself
C Heb 12: 11-12
Jesus demands our disciplined best effort
- IV What's it like in the race?
A Heb 12:1
You have to run "light"
B Gal 5:7-10
You're going to face distractions and obstacles
C Is 40:30
You're going to get tired
D 1 Cor 9:26-27
Especially tired, if you haven't trained well
E Is 40:28-31
God has a never-ending supply of strength and power to see you through
- V What if I can't make it?
A Heb 12:1
There's a crowd of experienced pros cheering for you at the finish line
B Titus 2:4-5
God intends for you to have girlfriends to encourage you
C Eph 5:25-33
If you have a husband, it's part of his mission to assist you in your race
- VI Why, exactly, do I want to do this?
A Prov 18:10
God promises protection to those who run to him
B 2 Tim 4:7-8
There's a prize at the end of the race: the crown of righteousness
C 1 Cor 9:24-25
That prize will last forever
D Phil 3:12-14
It is Jesus' desire that we all wear that crown