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THE PATH TO Change

ENDURING THE PATH

HEBREWS 12:1-4 (NASB)

TRUTH: In football and in life, it's not the first half but the second half, how you finish, that matters.

REALITY: A lot of people begin the life-lived-for-Christ race but few finish well, yet the emphasis of the Bible is on how you finish (Acts 13:36).

INSIGHT: Many Christians begin the race but few finish well.

THREE RULES FOR FINISHING THE RACE AND HEARING JESUS SAY, "WELL DONE, FAITHFUL SERVANT!"

I. IT'S A MARATHON NOT A SPRINT.

INSIGHT: The reality you can't forget about the race of the Christian life is this: IT'S EVERY DAY, ALL DAY, HOLIDAYS, AND WEEKENDS.

INSIGHT: It is the very nature of a marathon that it's impossible to win without consistent training and dedication to marathon running.

INSIGHT: Many Christians are losing rewards in heaven because they are fooling around on the race God has called them to run!

TRUTH: The race of the Christian life can't be lived by emotion. It's a marathon to be run and won by the will!

II. FEW GO THE DISTANCE.

QUESTION: How long is the race going to last?

ANSWER: Till you die! (2 Timothy 4:7)

TRUTH: Few Christians finish their race. Few finish strong for the Lord (Numbers 13).

III. KEEP LOOKING ONLY AT JESUS.

INVITATION: Psalm 123:1, "To You I lift up my eyes, O You Who are enthroned in the heavens."

HERE'S THE QUESTION: Jesus went all the way for you; will you go the distance for Him? Will you get in the race?