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**Finishing Well**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

**Key Truth:** Freedom without self-control will ultimately lead you down a path of destruction.

**A Recipe For Victory:**

1. Discipline

2. Focus

3. Determination

**The Way Of Defeat:**

1. Believing the blessings of God equal the favor of Jesus.

2. Putting your desires before God’s.

3. Failing to learn from history.

4. Living in sexual immorality.

5. Taking God’s grace for granted.

**How To Win The Race:**

1. Walk in humility and obedience.

A. The way out of temptation is obedience.

2. Heed the wisdom of God.

3. Don’t partake of what God disapproves of.

4. Live for the glory of Jesus Christ.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Live free in Jesus Christ but don’t allow your freedom to lead you into bondage. Ask God to show you areas where you’ve been playing with fire in regards to temptation, and ask Him to give you His strength to turn away and walk more closely with Him.

**Food For Thought**

1. If someone could silently observe you 24 hours a day for 7 days how do you think they would describe the focus of your life? What would they say you desire or pursue most?

Have you ever felt like your focus or pursuit in life and God’s plan seemed to be heading in different directions? How did you become aware of this?

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13: God has promised us a way of escape when we are faced with temptation and it will always start with obedience. Can you think of any situations where you feel like you are trapped and there is no way to escape?

In 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Paul describes how training for a race relates to our own lives, read a few more of Paul’s racing analogies and find as many of his “training tips” as you can.

Philippians 3:13-14

2 Timothy 2:5

Hebrews 12:1-3

In addition to using what God has given us to win the race, we also need to know how temptations threaten to take us out of the race. When we find ourselves giving in to temptation, it’s often the last step in a series of bad choices. Read Genesis 3:1-13 and identify both the strategy of the serpent and the steps that led to Adam and Eve’s sin.