FUELING YOUR FAITH IN A WORLD ON EMPTY

RUNNING YOUR RACE



As for us, we have all these great witnesses who encircle (clothe) us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound (weight) that has pierced (hindered) us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race (agony) with passion and determination (perseverance). for the path has been already marked out before us. (the race personally appointed to each of us).

Hebrews 12:1 TPT





MESSAGE 9: ONE STEP AT A TIME

THE MARATHON STORY



HOW MANY STEPS?

Given that the average stride length is 30 inches and there are 63,360 inches in a mile here is the marathon math answer to the step question.

63,360 inches/Mile x 26.2 miles/30 inches = 55,334 Steps



THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT



THE FIRST STEP IS THE HARDEST



One of the reasons we don't end up taking the first step until it feels too late is because we have good intentions of taking that first step for a long time. Ask anyone whose weight has spiraled out of control, and they'll tell you they didn't mean for it to happen. Countless times they've told themselves they were going to make changes. ... They had good intentions but now it feels too late. Good intentions have a way of making us feel like we've done something when we haven't really done anything. We pat ourselves on the back for having good intentions, but we've never actually taken a first step. ... Don't convince yourself that your good intentions are the first step. You can have good intentions and never move an inch. Kyle Idleman: Don't Give Up

ATHLEISURE



THE PRINCIPLE OF THE PATH **Direction - not intentions** (hopes, dreams, aspirations, prayers, beliefs ...) - determines our destination. Simply put, you and I will win or lose at life by the paths, we choose. (relational, financial, spiritual, physical, ...) Andy Stanley – The Principle of the Path

"ACCIDENTS HAPPEN"



Then he (Jesus) said to them all (the twelve): "Whoever wants to be my disciple (follow me) must deny themselves (you're not in the driver's seat) and take up their cross daily (endure) and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good (profit) is it to gain the whole world (i.e., wealth, fame, success and accomplishments), and lose or forfeit your very self (destiny)?"

Luke 9:23-25 NIV



THE LAW OF SOWING & REAPING



Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9 NIV

The finish line is closer than you think.



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THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Read Hebrews 9: 1-28 (3-6 Translations) DBS: Hebrews 9:22-28 (7 verses) (Three-Column Study)