



RUN TO WIN ZOOM CHAPEL **“RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE” HEBREWS 12:1-3**

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

These amazing words were most likely written by the Apostle Paul reflecting on one of his visits to Rome where he saw the Colosseum or Circus Maximus, two of the most amazing athletic arenas ever built. He is reminding the Christ followers that we have a great audience watching us. We need to step up and ‘run with endurance’ the race that the Lord has us on. Focus, attentiveness and preparedness all will enter in. Am I ready to give everything I have to ensure success for the team? “God is able. The question is, are you willing? How am I helping us to stay on course? The following principles will help all of us to stay on course.

1. **STAY AVAILABLE TO BE USED** – One of God’s principals is the notion of availability. God is not so interested in your ability, as he is your availability. We must all be available and ready at all times. “By this is My father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.” John 15:8
2. **STAY PREPARED TO HAVE AN IMPACT** -- Preparation is one of the greatest keys to success and staying on course. Be prepared for the opportunity to make an impact. “A dull axe requires great strength. Be wise and sharpen the blade.” Ecclesiastes 10:10
3. **STAY OPTIMISTIC AND SEIZE THE DAY** – We have so much to be excited and optimistic about. We must seize the day and make the most of it. “Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow.” James 4:14
4. **STAY FOCUSED ON THE GOAL** – One of the greatest aspects of athletic competition is the ability to set goals and then focus on obtaining them. We’ve got to exhibit great focus and concentration . “I press on towards the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14
5. **STAY HUMBLE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD** – As our success grows as a team it is important that we remain humble and acknowledge our teammates, coaches and especially the Lord. God desires for us to glorify and honor Him with our lives. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you at the proper time.” I Peter 5:6
6. **STAY COMMITTED TO THE LORD** – Commitment means to connect or entrust oneself for safekeeping. That is God’s desire for us. We need to stay committed as a team to one another and to the Lord. May our commitment to the Lord never waver. “The people who know God will display strength and take action.” Daniel 11:32

Let’s ensure that we stay on course by running with endurance each day, on and off the court.