



# THAT'S WHAT I WANT

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TO FINISH THE RACE WELL  
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Whether we are setting goals to exercise more, stick to a diet, or grow stronger in our faith, these ambitions are often never reached because we didn't focus our sights on finishing them. We need to remind ourselves that anybody has the ability to start something, but in the end, it's the finishing that matters.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you find yourself giving more attention to how you start something than how you are going to finish it? What is one goal you've set for yourself that you don't know how to complete?
2. Many of us struggle with the thought that we need to fix something in our lives before God will accept us. Talk about a time in your life that you dealt with this. How has that impacted your relationship with God?
3. **Read Joshua 14.** Even if you feel that you've messed up in life, there is always the opportunity to finish well and feel as strong and certain in your faith as Caleb did at the end of his life. What does your faith journey need for you to run with endurance in God's race?
4. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2.** Look at your life and take inventory. Make a list of everything that is important to you right now. Looking at that list, what on it will actually be important when you reach the end of your life? How can you work to focus on what is important for finishing well?

## CHALLENGE

This week, focus on shifting your sights toward God's race for you. What people in your life can encourage you on your journey? What sin do you need to leave behind? This week, identify your end target, then create a strategy to get there.

## COMMIT TO MEMORY

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. **Hebrews 12:1**