

Running With Purpose

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Thesis: “I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding.”

- Psalm 119:32

I. Prepare with Passion!

*“The **plans** of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.”*

- Proverbs 21:5

A. Estimated time between Paul’s conversion and 1st missionary journey:

12 Years!

B. Christ Walk - Anna Fitch Courie

1. Tarsus to Jerusalem - 390 Miles

2. Damascus to Jerusalem - 150 Miles

3. Antioch to Jerusalem - 350 Miles

C. Preparing to do the work of God often comes through trial and error.

II. Train With Tenacity!

*“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been **trained** in it.”*

- Hebrews 12:11

A. Acts 9:19-26 - Damascus to Jerusalem

1. Estimated time between Paul’s stay in Damascus before Jerusalem:

3 Years!

B. Galatians 1:15-20

C. Paul set apart a time and a season to train!

1. Isthmian Games of Corinth.

III. Execute with Enthusiasm!

*“I have fought the good fight, I have **finished** the race, I have kept the faith.”*

-2 Timothy 4:7

A. The riot in Ephesus - Acts 19:23-41

B. Paul is equipped and motivated to do the work of the Kingdom!

C. Never, ever, ever give up!

“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