

FURTHER STILL

Keep your chin up, keep pressing onward, don't give up, don't let go, you are not defeated, God hasn't given up on you, you were born for a purpose, lean on God, no it won't be easy sometimes, it will be downright hard, we are living in this world and surrounded by evil, and the plots of the wicked and their uglies and infirmities that they carry. I don't know how else to tell you that there is so much more for you and God loves you – He hasn't given up on you!

You can do it!!! This is a race, Paul continually calls our life here on earth just that. So when you run a race, especially a long one, you have to gauge yourself. Going at it too hard and you run out of steam and can't focus and lose sight of where your strength actually needs to come from. Going at it too soft and you might get weary or lose interest or become distracted. There is a pace that you were spiritually and physically built for and you can ask the Lord to show you that pace. Discipline, discipline, discipline – it's part of training our spirits, minds, bodies to grow and become a part of the greater movement that the Lord is working.

A kingdom advancing both inside of you and me and inside the body of Christ –

– further still.....

Jeremiah 12:5 – “If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?

Acts 20:24 – However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

1 Corinthians 9:24 – Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Galatians 2:2b – I presented to them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. I wanted to be sure I was not running and had not been running my race in vain

Galatians 5:7 – You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?

2 Timothy 4:7 – I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Hebrews 12:1 – Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,

There will be places, people, and situations that will come and go and either make you or break you. I'm sure that you have heard that before but when we understand that we wrestle not against flesh and blood then we start to think spiritually and our battle becomes spiritual, we don't react as frequently in the flesh and we come out of agreement with demonic spirits, lies, old habits, and thoughts that would try to hinder us from reaching our goals.... DAILY.

That's why it is further still... because this is a moment to moment – season to season – precept upon precept walk with our Lord and King and we will come to a place where we say in our spirits – I'M NOT GOING BACK – I'm looking ahead – and I'm focusing on the here and now – I'm fighting and keeping the faith and in Jesus name, I am not running in vain – I will pursue the Lord and His will as long as I live and even then.... Further still!

Have a GREAT day!

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