

How Do You Run Well This Easter?

Run With Purpose! Pt. 1

John 20:1-8

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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, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

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1. Don't Ever Forget Who You Were Before JESUS

John 20:1, Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

Luke 15:20, So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

2. Don't Ever Forget To Invite Others to the EMPTY TOMB

John 20:2, So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

Luke 19:10, For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

3. Don't Ever Forget to Run Your RACE

John 20:3, So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. **4** Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

4. Don't Ever Forget the Facts of the RESURRECTION

John 20:5, He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **6** Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, **7** as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

1 Corinthians 15:3, For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. **6** After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8** and last of all he appeared to me also...

5. Don't Ever Stop Short of the True FINISH LINE

John 20:8, *Finally* the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. **He saw and believed.**

Romans 10:9, *If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." ... 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*