



Finish the Race!

2 Tim 4:6-8



How are we Saved?

- *Repentance*
 - *We acknowledge our sinfulness*
 - *Call upon the Lord*
 - *Ask for forgiveness*
- *Faith*
 - *Belief in Jesus death, burial and resurrection*
 - *Acknowledging Jesus as the Lord of all*
 - *Pledging yourself to follow Him as Lord*

Paul the Apostle

Acts 20:22, 2 Tim 4:6-8

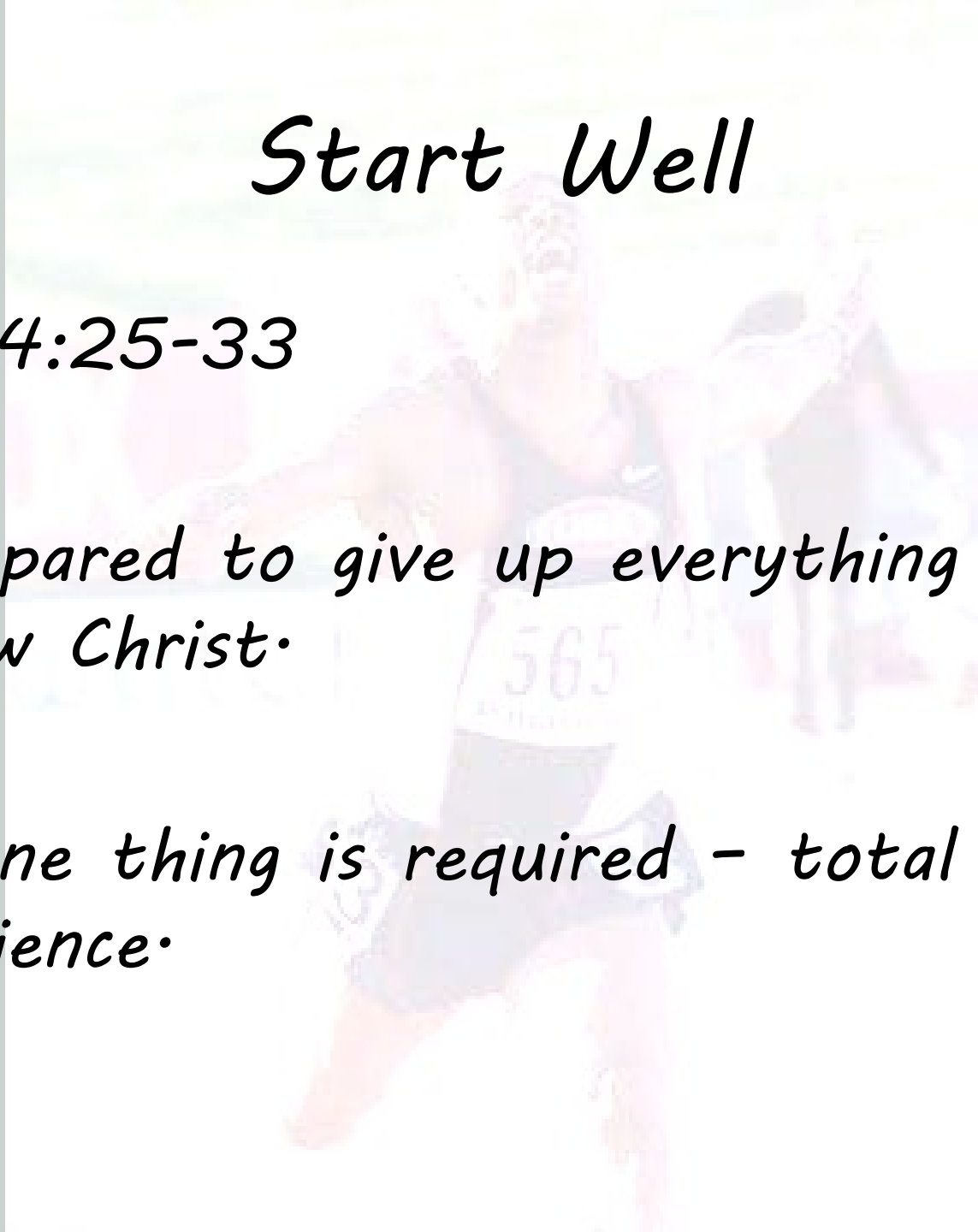
- *Poured out like a drink offering*
- *Fought the good fight*
- *Finished the race*
- *Kept the faith*
- *Had a crown waiting for Him*

Start Well

Luke 14:25-33

Be prepared to give up everything to follow Christ.

Only one thing is required - total obedience.



Continue

Col 2:6-7

Col 1:21-23

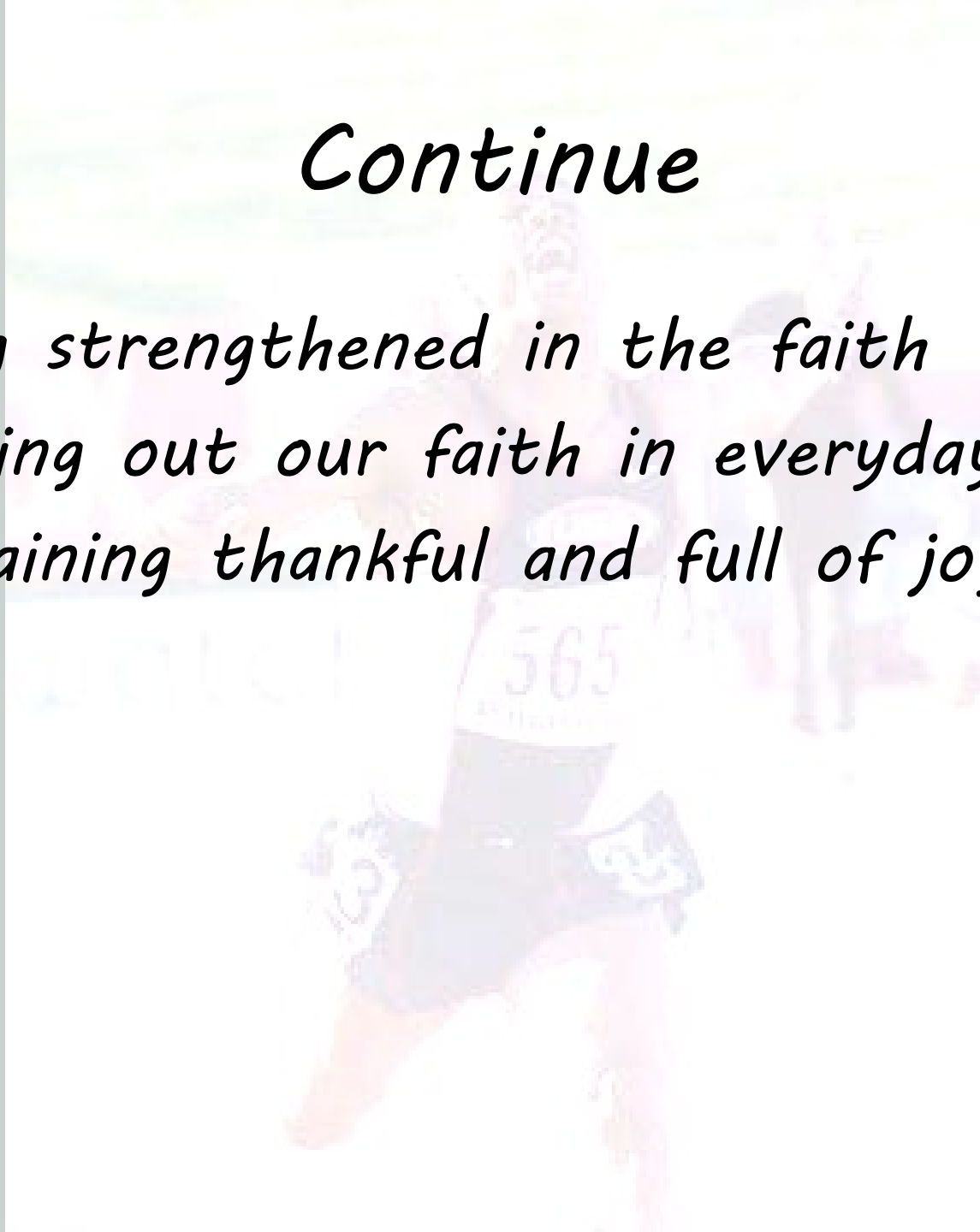
Rom 11:22-24

1 John 2:28



Continue

- Being strengthened in the faith*
- Walking out our faith in everyday life*
- Remaining thankful and full of joy*



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Heb 3:12-19



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- *Being strengthened in the faith*
- *Walking out your faith in everyday life*
- *Remaining thankful and full of joy*
- *Encouraging one another daily*
- *Remaining in the truth*

Don't Fall Away

Heb 6:4-12

4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, 6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace. 7 Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.

Don't Fall Away

Heb 6:4-12

9 Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case — things that accompany salvation. **10** God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. **11** We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. **12** We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.

Don't Shipwreck

1 Tim 1:18-20

18 Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, **19** holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. **20** Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

Continue

- *Being strengthened in the faith*
- *Walking out your faith in everyday life*
- *Remaining thankful and full of joy*
- *Encouraging one another daily*
- *Remaining in the truth*
- *Holding onto faith and a good conscience*

Principles of Salvation

- *Salvation comes by calling upon the name of the Lord - Repentance and Faith*
- *We are saved by grace through faith. Good works, neither before we are saved nor after we are saved are what saves us.*
- *We walk by daily reckoning our old selves as dead and living for Christ.*
- *Our salvation is completed as a work of continuing trust and obedience.*

Deadly Territory

- *A life devoid of good works for Christ*
- *A life of conscious, continuous rebellion against God's ways*
- *An inability to hear God's voice*
- *A lack of conviction over known sin*

Finish Strong!

2 Tim 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

To those who Overcome

- ...the right to eat from the tree of life*
- Will not be hurt at all by the second death*
- ...a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to him who receives it*

To those who Overcome

- *... authority over the nations*
- *Jesus will acknowledge his name before my Father and his angels*
- *Will never leave the city of God*
- *God will write on him His new name*
- *Will sit with Christ on His throne*

Press On

Phil 3:12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.