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The fastest, the longest, the highest, and the strongest. Men and women, testing themselves against the clock,



the tape-measure and of course one another.

Yet, whether we're a competitor, a coach

or a spectator, there's a prize, greater than them all...

one that can be ours, no matter our age, our nationality or even our physical fitness!

WIND ASSISTED

Problems with work, money and relationships are only some of the hurdles which can sap our energy for daily living.

When the going gets tough we need to remember the invitation of the Lord Jesus Christ to all-comers...



Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

When we 'get right' with God the 'wind' of His Spirit can help us through our personal pain barriers so we can echo the words of a first century Christian...

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13



But this is only part of the story...

Please send me more details on finding a personal relationship with God.

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FALLING SHORT

Top class athletes rely on reserves of strength and endurance. But when it comes to pleasing God in our own strength, we're like a javelin thrower whose very best attempts fall short of even the qualifying standard.

In a similar way our 'personal best' fails to reach the standard God sets for our lives for...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
Romans 3:23

Defeat for any competitor is usually a great disappointment. But when facing the greatest challenge of all, the fate awaiting those of us whose confidence is simply in ourselves is a dreadful prospect.

...People are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

Hebrews 9:27

And there will be no opportunity to appeal for a 're-run'. Yet action has already been taken on our behalf!



WILLING SACRIFICE

Throughout His 33 years, Christ Jesus ran the 'race of life' in this world to perfection. In this way He was the only One 'good enough' to take the penalty that OUR guilt deserves when He gave His life for us on the Cross of Calvary.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

1 Peter 3:18

But to be put right with God we must be ready for the course of our lives to change direction... and with His help, turn away from all we know to be wrong. So...

...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, 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.

Hebrews 12:1-2



NEW START

And in asking the risen Christ Jesus into our lives to become our Saviour and Lord, we not only receive forgiveness but a completely new beginning for ...

...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

To enter this personal relationship with God the Father, through His Son Christ Jesus, dipping our toe into the water is no good. Only when we 'dive in' can we know Him as He intends.

TOTAL COMMITMENT

The Christian life is more like a marathon than a sprint, and the Lord Jesus Christ makes clear the cost involved in becoming one of His true followers, – the cost of commitment.

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.

1 Corinthians 9:24



CERTAIN VICTORY

In any sporting event the thrill of victory can be short-lived. Yet, to receive the 'prize' of everlasting life is a victory beyond compare for...

Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly.

1 Corinthians 9:25-26

So this is the ultimate challenge...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Yet to ignore or reject Him will bring unthinkable consequences...

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

So whether an athlete or coach, an official or spectator...

this challenge is for you!

