

MSG: WIN!

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

SZN 2: RUN WITH JESUS

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT

“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.”

INTRO:

CONTEXT:

PAUL, CORINTHIANS, Letter in response to division, crazy living, idol practices & questioning his apostolic authority.

He had a glorious prize, an incorruptible crown, in view. Upon this head he compares himself to the racers and combatants in the Isthmian games, an allusion well known to the Corinthians, because they were celebrated in their neighbourhood

1. RUN TO WIN

1 Corinthians 9:24 NLT

“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!”

Some races were for fun

RUN TO SURRENDER TO WIN

1 Corinthians 9:15, 22 NLT

“Yet I have never used any of these rights. And I am not writing this to suggest that I want to start now. In fact, I would rather die than lose my right to boast about preaching without charge

...When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some."

RUN TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS TO WIN

1 Corinthians 9:23 NLT

"I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings."

RUN TO SHARE IN THE BLESSINGS TO WIN!

1 Corinthians 9:23 NLT

"I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings."

"DO YOU WANT TO BE RIGHT OR DO YOU WANT TO BE BLESSED" -Bishop Brian Greene

2. TRAIN TO WIN

1 Corinthians 9:25 NLT

"All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize."

Hebrews 12:1 NLT

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."

TRAIN TO ENLIST SUPPORT TO WIN

"It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret"

-Jackie Joyner-Kersey

-Cloud of witnesses!

-Who's in your cloud?"

TRAIN TO ELIMINATE WEIGHT TO WIN

-Sin that trips us

-Weight that slows us

“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard”

-Usain Bolt

TRAIN TO ENDURE TO WIN

“You have to work hard in the dark to shine in the light.”

-Kobe Bryant