

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4.7.

May we be runners who run the race to the end. Even if during the running we may be wounded—having, from the hands of men, suffered opposition, misunderstanding and rejection—we must stir up our spirit and keep on running for the sake of the Lord Jesus. Who in a race will receive the most applause from men? Will it not be the one who has been wounded but who still keeps on running until he gains the first prize? Therefore, whether we be wounded or suffering or seemingly defeated, it ought not be a problem. It is still best for us to rise up and run. Let us remember that nothing counts while still on the road; only at the end of the course will judgment be rendered. Hence let us not forfeit the race for whatever reason. Let us not grow weary and become faint. On the contrary, we must look away to Jesus and run to the very end.

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