

## **“Joyride”**

Running Towards the Goal  
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**The Bible wasn't given just to increase our knowledge, the Bible was given to change our life...**

- **today we ask the spirit of God**
- **to use the word of God**
- **to transform us to be like the Son of God**

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### **Philippians 3 (NIV)**

**12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, 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,**

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**14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. 15 All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. 16 Only let us live up to what we have already attained.**

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### **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

**“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”**

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**Romans 8:29 (NIV)**

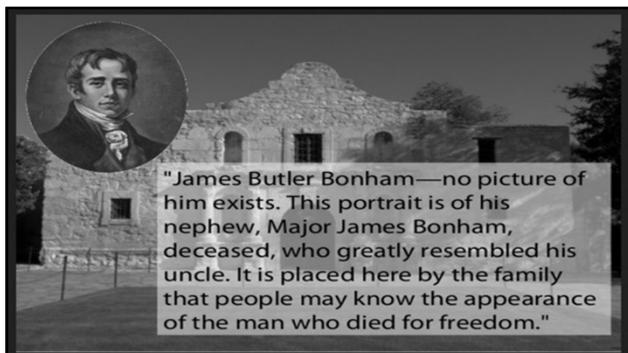
**"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed into the likeness of his Son ..."**

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**Romans 8:29 (Message)**

**"God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son."**

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**Galatians 4:19 (NIV)**

**"My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed (morphed) in you."**

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**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)**

**"And we, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed (morphed) into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."**

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John Steven Akhwari video  
Olympics Inspiration Finish the  
Race, Not Just Start It!

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**Three pieces of advice to keep us running towards the goal:  
1. Forget the past**

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**Philippians 3:13b (NIV)**

**“But one thing I do; forgetting what is behind” ...**

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**What kind of things could impede our progress in becoming Christ-like?**

- **Our Sins**

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**What kind of things could impede our progress in becoming Christ-like?**

- **Our Sins**
- **Our Successes**

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**Three pieces of advice to keep us running towards the goal:  
1. Forget the past  
2. Listen to the coach**

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**Philippians 3:15 (NIV).**

**"All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you."**

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**Philippians 1:6 (NIV)**

**"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."**

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**Philippians 2: 13 (NIV)**

**"For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."**

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**Philippians 3:15b (NIV)**

**"God will make clear to you."**

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**Philippians 4:13 (NIV)**

**"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."**

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**Galatians 5:25 (NIV)**

**“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”**

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**2 Corinthians 3:18b (NLT)**

**“And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.”**

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**Three pieces of advice to keep us running towards the goal:**

- 1. Forget the past**
- 2. Listen to the coach**
- 3. Focus on the goal**

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**2 Timothy 4 (NIV)**

**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 to also to all who have longed for his appearing.”**

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1984 Olympics, Gabriela Andersen-Schiess

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