

Wednesday, September 28, 2005 – What are You Running With Part 3

The race that is set before us.....that means that you didn't choose the race that is before you...God did. So that means that He knew what the race entailed and that you were the one to run it.....there is nothing in the course that God is not aware of. He knows just what hurdles are coming up in the race. He knows what smooth areas you'll come to in the race. He understands the type of person you are and what amount of pressure, stress, hurdles, hardships, blessings, relief, etc. you will experienceand HE will make certain that you experience them all. You know why He does it.....it's all for His glory and your good.

I challenge you to go back and read Hebrews 11 and just pay attention to the types of races those people ran.....running the race that is set before you means that whatever God allows to show up in your life, He has equipped you to be able to get through it with Him. I mean come on now, look at Noah....the man had to believe what God had spoken to him(it's going to rain...we can say it with ease because we know what rain is...but he'd never seen or heard of it...but it was his race)...to be told to build a boat(we can say that with ease because we know what boats look like....but he'd never seen or heard of it until God told him)....running *your* race that is *set*(or placed) before you....everyone may not appreciate your race, they may not approve of your race, they may not applaud your running style, they may mock your race....but does it detract from God's purpose for your life? Absolutely not.....this is why I am determined to follow the race that is set before me...when God sets a race (as impossible as the course may seem....oh, so *you* have to raise your children alone, or *your* family has to experience the hardship of lost jobs and no employment in sight, or *your* body is refusing the treatments given it, or *your* child is not serving the Lord, or *your* heart is broken over a relationship lost and you don't understand how it could be, or *you* are being called to do something that people don't agree with, or *you* feel the press to pray more and others around you say you are becoming a fanatic.....you don't have to do all of that.....let's bring it on it to our daily lives....or *you* have to work at a job that pays less than you are worth but God said stay. These circumstances are just a sampling of an innumerable series of races that God has called His people to. What makes you think that if HE was wise enough to call us His people that He isn't as equally as wise to help us get through the race....you've got to have a want to in order to even lay down all of the stuff that tries to weigh you down from running with patience *the race that IS set before*....what you are living through is your race....I again ask you what are you running with....are you trying to run away from the race that *is* set before you.....you can run but like Jonah you're running with weights.....drop them, pray (without ceasing), act like your more than a conqueror and run with patience the race that is set before us....God is working in your race as you move on.....and we'll look for your testimonies in the great cloud of witnesses!!

On your mark, get set, run....

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience **the race that is set before us**, Hebrews 12:1 (KJV)