

DAY 6 — RUNNING WITH PURPOSE

Core Value: Mission



Hebrews 12:1–3 (CSB)

“Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus...”

Philippians 3:12–14 (CSB)

“Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it... forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God’s heavenly call in Christ Jesus.”

Matthew 28:18–20 (CSB)

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...”

We do not run the race merely to finish—we run it to point others to Christ.

By the time Hebrews 12 calls us to run with endurance, it has already made something clear: the race of faith has a destination, and it has meaning beyond personal perseverance. The Christian life is not simply about surviving until the end—it is about running in such a way that God’s purposes are made visible through us.

Paul captures this tension well in Philippians 3. He acknowledges that he has not arrived, yet he runs with intentionality. His effort is not fueled by guilt or fear, but by a clear sense of calling. Paul knows *why* he runs—and that clarity shapes *how* he runs.

Mission gives the race its forward pull. Without mission, endurance becomes inward-focused and eventually stagnant. But when we understand that our faithfulness has ripple effects—that others are watching, learning, and being influenced by how we run—the race takes on eternal significance.

Jesus Himself ran with mission in view. Hebrews reminds us that He endured the cross *“for the joy set before Him.”* That joy included the redemption of humanity and the expansion of God’s kingdom. Jesus did not simply endure suffering; He endured it with purpose.

The Great Commission reminds us that following Jesus always sends us outward. The race of faith is deeply personal, but it is never private. Our obedience, perseverance, and trust in God become a testimony that invites others to consider Christ.

Mission does not require a platform or a passport. It requires faithfulness. When we run with integrity, humility, and hope—especially in difficulty—we show the world what it looks like to trust God fully. The way we run becomes part of God’s invitation to others.

Core Value Practice — Mission

Practice living with visible faithfulness.

Mission is not only something we *do*—it is something we *embody*. People are far more influenced by how we live than by what we say.

Today's practice is about intentional awareness.

Practice Steps

1. Reflect on your daily environments (home, work, community).
2. Ask:
 - Who is watching how I run?
 - Where has God placed me as a visible follower of Christ?
3. Consider how endurance, integrity, or hope in your life could point someone toward Jesus.

Mission begins with faithful presence.

Reflection Questions

1. How does viewing your life as part of God's mission change how you think about endurance?
 2. Where might God be using your faithfulness—especially in hardship—as a witness to others?
 3. What fears or excuses tend to keep you from seeing yourself as part of God's mission?
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Daily Action Challenge: Run visible faithfulness today.

Choose **one intentional action** today that reflects Christ clearly:

- Offer encouragement where discouragement is expected
- Speak truth with grace
- Serve quietly without recognition
- Share hope when others expect frustration

Afterward, write one sentence: "Today, I ran the race with purpose by..."

Guided Prayer

God,
Thank You that my life is part of something larger than myself. Remind me that the way I endure, trust, and obey can draw others toward You. Give me courage to run faithfully, humility to run honestly, and love to run outward. Use my obedience—imperfect as it may be—to reflect Your goodness and invite others into Your grace. Help me finish well, for Your glory and for the sake of those still finding the path. Amen.