

Staying On Course

Series - Perseverance: Pursuing a Life That Matters
– Hebrews 12:1-3–

1. Get in the Race

** I run in the path of Your commands, for You have set my heart free.
– Psalm 119:32*

2. Run with Perseverance

** Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect,
but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
– Philippians 3:11*

3. Stay on Course

** Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on
toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward
in Christ Jesus.
– Philippians 3:13-14*

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. How susceptible do you think Christians are to what the author of Hebrews warns against in Heb. 2:1-3; 4:1-2?
3. Review I Cor. 9:23-27. If you had to compare your life in Christ right now to a race, where would you be: Sitting on the sidelines? Warming up? At the starting blocks? Giving it your all?
4. In I Cor. 9:23, Paul says that his discipline and determination are for the sake of the gospel. How does the gospel motivate you in running the race?
5. As you consider your own life, how much ownership can you claim to what Paul says in Phil. 3:12-14?
6. Are you more likely to strive for excellence in your 'secular' life or spiritual life? Why?

