

Run the Race

Let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which doth so
easily beset (*snare*) us, and
let us
run
with
patience
(*endurance*)
the race that is set before us.
Hebrews 12:1



Don't allow
those who
are not on
track
to keep you
off the track.

As a child of God,
we rejoice – not
because we do not
sin – but because we
are saved!!! **Jesus'**
death on the cross
provides **our**
redemption from
the power of sin – as
well as from the guilt
of sin.

In this life, we still “mess up”. But, because our debt for sin has been paid in full, we don't let our “mess-ups” cause us to “give up”. We surrender our lives, and our will, to the One Who Paid our debt. “Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before” (Philippians 3:13-14), we keep our eyes on the prize.

Runners in a race must remain focused on the finish line, not allowing themselves to be distracted by obstacles (or people) on the sidelines. When they pause, it's to rehydrate themselves with refreshing water.

So it is with this life we are living. Keeping our eyes on the eternal finish line, we must not allow ourselves to be distracted or slowed down by obstacles (or people) on the sidelines of life.

Focusing on “mess-ups” and “hang-ups” is one of the greatest distractions from the enemy (satan). If he can keep us discouraged and feeling like a failure, then he keeps us struggling behind or sitting on the sidelines thinking we can't run another step, instead of moving forward toward the finish line.

If a baby, after falling from trying to walk, just gave up and sat and cried about falling, it would never learn to walk. If we sit back, nursing our wounds and allowing the devil to play havoc with our minds and spirits, we will never “learn to walk” spiritually.

The statement, “the devil made me do it” is garbage. He can't “make” you do anything that you don't want to do. You have a “will” – **a choice** – in what you do.

So, if you must “pause” in this race, let it be for hydrating yourself with the clear, cool water of The Holy Spirit. Allow Him to refresh you and speed you on in your race. There's an eternal finish line just around the bend. Your prize is priceless. There is nothing better than eternal life with Jesus!!!

So, wipe off the sweat, drink from the refreshing cup of The Holy Spirit, and get back in the race. Because Jesus has already won your victory for you, you have the strength to keep on running. **You** have **the choice** of focusing on the finish line instead of allowing your mind and eyes to be drawn to the sidelines.