

FINISHING STRONG (CH 9). BUCK-NAKED MILES TO BIGHORN.

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Heb 12:1-2.lay aside every weight and sinlet us
run.....Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our
faith....

BOOK OUTLINE.

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| 1 | ONE OUT OF TEN |
| 2 | FINISHING SO-SO |
| 3 | STAYING THE COURSE |
| 4 | DRY SHIPWRECK |
| 5 | THE STATUS BROTHERS AND THEIR NOT QUITE RIGHT FIRST COUSIN, PRIDE |
| 6 | UNTEACHABLE, UNACCOUNTABLE, AND UNACCEPTABLE |
| 7 | LOUSY STARTR, STRONG FINISH |
| 8 | FAILURES THAT EQUIPS YOU TO FINISH |
| 9 | BUCK-NAKED MILES TO BIGHORN |
| 10 | A VISION FOR THE FINISH LINE |

OUTLINE.

1 AMBUSH

2 JOHN COTLER & JOSEPH IN COMMON

3 RUNNING PEOPLE

4 CHRISTIAN LIFE : A RACE?

5 STRIPPED

6 PUT AWAY

7 PURITY OVER POSITION

8 NO BITTERNESS.

JOHN COLTER'S AMBUSH.

- **His war parties : Blackfeet Indians, Harsh physical terrain.**
- **His adversaries had one goal which aligned with SKD (John 10:10). To KILL him.**



JOSEPH'S AMBUSH.

- **His War parties: His Half Brothers and Mrs. Poti.**
- **Brothers' Agenda: Kill him or Sell him into slavery.**
- **Mrs. Poti's Agenda: Her own pleasure but to steal Joseph's eternal reward.**



JOHN C & JOSEPH IN COMMON.

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- 4 COMFORTS**

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- WILL**
- PURPOSE**
- COMPOSURE**

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- FUTURE**
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- ATTITUDE**

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

- **Paul's admonition; 1 Cor 6:18, 2 Tim 2:22**
- ~~John C ran for safety, Joseph ran from fornication, sexual immorality.~~
- **Others like Joseph (Mary's husband), Jacob and Elijah ran for their lives.**
- **Brethren , there are times we have to do a 440.....**



CHRISTIAN LIFE: RACE ?

YES, A RACE TO HEAVEN

RACE NOT FOR THE SWIFT /MOST ANOINTED/ ECC 9:11 GRACE !!!!!

NO TV TIME OUTS OR LUCOZADE BREAKS..... ASK UNCLE DAVID AT THE BALCONY

NO HALF TIME

NO SUBSTITUTIONS : SPOUSE/PARENT/CHILDREN/BENEFACTOR TO RUN ON YOUR BEHALF

YOU LAY ASIDE (HEB 12:1-2) NO SUIT UP/ YOU STRIP DOWN

NO PHYSICAL WEAPONS TO ACCOMPANY YOU BUT SPIRITUAL WEAPONS : 2 CORINTHIANS 10:4

ON THIS PILGRIMAGE....WE TRAVEL LIGHT

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WE EMULATE JESUS :QED!!!!

JOSEPH LIKE JESUS

- 1 REJECTED BY HIS BROTHERS/HIS OWN PEOPLE**
- 2 LOVED BY HIS FATHER**
- 3 VICTORIOUS OVER TEMPTATION**
- 4 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BECAUSE OF FALSE WITNESS**
- 5 SUFFERED FOR DOING RIGHT**
- 6 PROMOTED FROM THE PRISON (OF DEATH) TO RULE THE NATION (S)**
- 7 FINISHED STRONG.**
- 8 DEPENDENCE ON GOD.**

PUT AWAY EVIL : JOS 7:13c

**SOMETHINGS HAVE TO BE PUT AWAY.
STRIPPING DOWN**

1 THINGS GOD STRIPS FROM US

THINGS GOD WILL TAKE AWAY

2 THINGS THAT WE STRIP FROM OURSELVES

THINGS WHICH WE MUST PUT AWAY.

JOSEPH PUT AWAY

1 TRADING HIS PURITY FOR POSITION

2 TURNING HIS BETRAYAL INTO BITTERNESS

PURITY OVER POSITION.

- **Joseph chose honouring God over succumbing to keeping his job.**

- **He surrendered all to God, he didn't hold back.**
- **Are we Christians stopping to count the cost before the opportunity presents itself.**
- **See Frank's story.**

FRANK RAN....PLEASE RUN!!!!!!

SOLID GUY (MID 30S)

COMMITTED TO CHRIST, WIFE AND CHILDREN

EMOTIONALLY DRAWN TO A FEMALE COLLEAGUE (CHRISTIAN TOO)

NO INAPPROPRIATE ENCOUNTERS - NO PHYSICAL BREACHES

WORK CLOSENESS, THINKING ABOUT HER ALL THE TIME

LOOKED FORWARD TO BEING WITH HER

EMOTIONAL FALL TAKES PLACE BEFORE SEXUAL FALL

HOLY GHOST INTERVENTION- DANGER AHEAD

TOLD HIS WIFE ABOUT SITUATION

NO ARROGANT (TITANIC) UNSINKABLE, I HAVE ANOINTING PLUS POSTURE

JOINT PRAYERS WITH WIFE OVER THE MATTER

NOTHING CHANGED - THIS NEEDED WORKS TO BE ADDED TO FAITH

HE RAN 440 FROM THE VERY GOOD JOB

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE.....

HEAVEN IS BETTER THAN TEMPORARY PLEASURE AND HELL ULTIMATELY...

PLEASE RUN  ♂  ♂  ♂  ♂  ♂ (I AGREE I AM A SHUME)

NO BITTERNESS.

- **Joseph's response to difficult circumstances was remarkable.**

- **From a distorted Human perspective, Joseph had grounds to be bitter against;**
 - **His Half Brothers**
 - **Mr & Mrs Potipher**
 - **Cupbearer**
 - **God.....**
- **When he got power, he didn't retaliate.**

NO BITTERNESS- CONT'D

- **We often justify bitterness on account of betrayal by a;**
 - **Spouse**

 - **Child/children**
 - **Best friend**
 - **Christian Business partner**
 - **The person who led us to Christ/ Brethren in church.**
- **God takes the hateful and hurtful motivations of our enemies and uses them to accomplish His plans in our lives.**
- **Spiritual muscle built in times of deep & dark experiences of betrayal.**

NO BITTERNESS – CONT'D.

- **Bitterness is COSTLY!!!!!! (EPH 4: 30- 32)**
 - **It grieves the Spirit of God.**
 - ~~It poisons our souls.~~
 - **It slows our race and lets our enemies gain.**
- **Example of Oswald Chambers;**
 - **Wrongly accused by a woman of sexual immorality.**
 - **Bitterness overwhelmed him.**
 - **Through God's help he overcame the betrayal/bitterness.**
 - **He finished strong.....there is hope for us.**
- **Remedy: Use the Word of God and drive it through the heart pursuing Bitterness !!!!!**

USEFUL QUOTES

- **1. The final proof of greatness lies in being able to endure (contemptuous treatment) without resentment. Elbert Hubbard.**
- **2. Bitterness, like a burning match only burns the one who holds on to it. Steve Farrar.**
- **3. Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power – Abraham Lincoln**

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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I will run, hope you will run too.

WE WILL FINISH STRONG IN JESUS NAME.