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Dear Friends at Rolling Acres,

"An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules." II Tim. 2:5, ESV

The Olympics have always fascinated me. People spend years preparing and practicing for a few minutes on the Olympic stage. In watching some of the skating events of the current Winter Olympics, I am impressed with the skaters' jumps, turns, and funny named feats that they perform. To add another level of the competition, the judges now use instant replay to critique the athlete. Their score reflects all of this careful analysis according to the rules. If you break the rules, points are deducted.

Thankfully, God is not deducting points for every little thing that is wrong in our lives!! But there is something to being guided by His Words. The athletes in the games can't win unless they compete according to the rules. We can't win unless we have Jesus guiding us. God gave us His Word, His Son Jesus, that we would be able to have a relationship with the Father. If we ignore the Word, how can we make it our goal to please Him? Jesus will guide us and train us and mold us into what He wants us to be ("Follow Me, and I will MAKE you become fishers of men", Mark, 2:17, emphasis mine). And what does Jesus want us to be? A people who are His Own that are ready to go the distance for Him.

Let's listen to the Word made flesh, Jesus, as an athlete for His glory, and not running from Him!

Happy Training,

Pastor Andy

Come join us this Sunday as we worship the Lord and learn to train using prayer.

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