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Rolling Acres Alliance Church: Real People. Real Faith. Real Love.

Dear Friends,

Heb. 12:1-2 "...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (NIV)

When I was a sprinter in high school (many moons ago), I used to joke that I never entered a race where I couldn't see the finish line. I liked to know where I was running and to be able to see it clearly. While that works for running, the spiritual race we are in is a bit different.

Each person of faith has a "race marked out for us" which has been personally designed for us by God Himself. He's mapped it out. He's marked it for us to know which way to go, which way to turn, etc. He knows the route, and we don't. Our place is not for us to decide the path and the way to go. Instead, we need to trust in His care for us along the way. Tired? He'll provide the strength! Discouraged? He'll give you His joy. Lost? He can get you back on track. Worried? He's got a plan for you. Remember, His plan is for us to follow our forerunner, Jesus Christ, who laid down His own life to obey His Father. Seek Him that you may know His race plan for you.

Follow Him closely and He will train you to go the distance. Breathe Jesus in. Breathe yourself out. Focus on Him and He'll reveal the next step of the way. God has designed you specifically for the journey you are running and the journey for you. To want to change this is to argue with God's wisdom. Friends, let's not argue with the Master!

Happy running in the faith,

Pastor Andy

This Sunday evening, I will begin a study called, "The Apostle Paul's Powerful Prayers." I invite you to come get encouragement from one of the great runners of the Christian faith, the Apostle Paul.