



# WINNING THE RACE

WITHOUT FAITH IS IMPOSSIBLE

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HEBREWS 12:1-2 NABRE

THE ONE WHO WINS HAS AN ATTITUDE OF:

## 1 Boldness: I pray expecting God to do a miracle

<sup>32</sup> What more shall I say? I have not time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was righteous, obtained the promises; they closed the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; out of weakness they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders.

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HEBREWS 11:32-35 NABRE

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## 2 Perseverance: I remain faithful even when circumstances are unpleasant

<sup>35</sup> Women received back their dead through resurrection. Some were tortured and would not accept deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about in skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. <sup>38</sup> The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, in caves and in crevices in the earth. <sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though approved because of their faith, did not receive what had been promised. <sup>40</sup> God had foreseen something better for us, so that without us they should not be made perfect.

HEBREWS 11:35-40 NABRE

<sup>5</sup> He established it as a testimony in Joseph When he went throughout the land of Egypt. I heard a language I did not know: <sup>6</sup> "I relieved his shoulder of the burden, His hands were freed from the basket. <sup>7</sup> You called in trouble and I rescued you; I answered you in the hiding place of thunder; I put you to the test at the waters of Meribah.

PSALM 81:5-7 NASB

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## 3 Reverence: My inspiration is Jesus, the One who perfected faith

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