## The Way to Run

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-4:1

Sunday, April 27, 2025 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Bob Blahnik

## The Runner's **TECHNIQUES** (3:12-16)

#### 1. NEVER QUIT RUNNING.

#### 2. DON'T LOOK BACK.

#### 3. RUN YOUR OWN RACE.

The Runner's **TEMPTATIONS** (3:17-19)

The Runner's **TROPHIES** (3:20-4:1)

## Big Idea: **RUN WITH OUR EYES ON THE FINISH LINE**!

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Text this number anytime for prayer. Just

say, "**Pray for...**" followed by your request.

Or if you just need someone to talk to, start texting us with whatever's going on and someone will be in touch via text.



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

#### Welcome to Life Group!

#### **Getting to Know You**

**Part of our goal at Life Group is just learning more about each other.** Toward that end, take some time to catch up with each other as you gather.

If it helps, here's a question to discuss and get you going. Have everyone answer:

If you were running a race, what would be your go-to motivational song or phrase to keep you going?

Similarly, do you have any "go-to's" (songs, Scriptures, etc.) that help you stay focused in your faith?

#### **Digging Deeper – A Bible Study**

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

- 1. **Read Philippians 3:12-4:1.** Then review your message notes. Looking back, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you this week? *Discuss it with your group before moving on*.
- 2. **Read Hebrews 12:1-2** How does looking back at past failures—or successes!— hinder your spiritual growth?
- 3. What are some ways you can "never quit running" in your faith journey when faced with challenges? Get practical. Make a list with your group:

## WELCOME TO WAWASEE!



By 2030 the people of Wawasee Bible will engage in 10,000 Gospel Conversations and establish an Enduring Local Presence in at least 2 surrounding communities by meeting practical, emotional, & spiritual needs of people in the Greater Wawasee Lakes Area.

We will be known throughout our region as a church that not only preaches but lives the truth of the biblical Gospel. The people of our communities will know that they are loved by Jesus and loved by **us**, and we will be known as a church with a passion for meeting the greatest spiritual needs of every person in our circle of influence.

## ENDURING

COURAGE In 2024-2025 the people of Wawasee Bible will take **3 faith-filled risks** 

in the areas of sharing our faith, financial giving, and comfort. By God's grace we will grow in courage and faith as we trust the Lord's lead in our lives and our church!

## WORD FIND IN THE WORD

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

#### Word Find for Philippians 3:12-15 (NIrV) Find the words **bolded** below.

<sup>12</sup> I have not yet **received** all of those **things**. I have not yet **been made** perfect. But I move on to take hold of what Christ Jesus took hold of me for.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I don't	D	
consider that I have taken hold of	U	:
it yet. But <b>here</b> is the one <b>thing</b> I	н	I
do. I <b>forget</b> what is behind me. I	U	(
push hard toward what is ahead	A	ł
of me. 14 I <b>move</b> on <b>toward</b> the	Е	
<b>goal</b> to win the <b>prize</b> . God has	т	M
appointed me to win it. The	н	(
heavenly prize is Christ Jesus	1	,
himself. <sup>15</sup> All of us who are <b>grown</b>	N	
up in the <b>faith</b> should see <b>things</b>	ĸ	
that way. <b>Maybe</b> you <b>think</b>	J	
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## Study Guide (continued)

- Read John 21:20-22. What's happening in that passage? 4. Where was Peter's focus? Where did Jesus sav it should be?
  - Bob talked about "running your own race" in the message. What does that look like for you? Where have you been (or are you) tempted to try and run a race that's not yours??
- 5. How can the temptations mentioned in **Philippians 3:17-19** distract you from running toward the finish line?
  - Go read **1 John 2:15-17** and answer the same guestion.
- 6. What motivates you to pursue the "trophies" or rewards described in Philippians 3:20-4:1? Also check out 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

### **Taking it Home & Prayer**

7. How can focusing on the "finish line" of eternity with Christ shape your daily priorities and decisions?

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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