

# Dig-A-Little-Deeper

## *"AmazinG Race - Race Through the Bible"*

- Monday** We grow spiritually when we decide that it is our job to engage in spiritual growth with Jesus. Read Philippians 4. Pray and ask God if He wants you to take the AmazinG Race Challenge to read through the Bible this next year – The Bible is on us! Our hope and prayer in the leadership of Ni River is the same one that the writer of Philippians gave his church in chapter 4:1. Take charge of standing firm with your relationship with God this year!
- Tuesday** Just like any place that has fallible people in it, the Philippian church had conflict (as found in chapter 4:2-5). But the writer challenged his people, in verse 4, to take charge of their positive outlook on life and in their own spiritual growth. Ask God to give you grace for your fellow humans today and the energy to rejoice in all situations (just like this writer who wrote while in jail). Choose to see all people as a part of your winning racing team!
- Wednesday** In chapter 4:6-7, a key tool is given for growing spiritually in the AmazinG Race called LIFE. PRAYER! You cannot make it on your own and win the race! You have to partner with other racers and you have to take all your concerns, confusions, and questions to God in prayer. Look at the prize – He promises to give you peace, a peace that transcends human comprehension! Take every concern you have to Him right now and choose not to worry about it!
- Thursday** Another tool for winning the AmazinG Race of life is found in Philippians 4:8,9. The responsibility for growing is placed squarely on your shoulders. You are called to actively engage in spiritual growth by guarding your mind and only allowing growth enhancing stimulus into it. Thus enters our AmazinG Race challenge! Let's choose to guard our minds and change them positively by reading through the Bible in 2008. Pick up a One Year Bible from our Connections Store on Sunday to make it easier. Ask God if He will help you do this amazing challenge. Don't worry about the commitment – we'll walk through it with you – there are no losers in this race (even if you don't make it all the way through).
- Friday** Philippians 4:10-13 has tips for succeeding in the AmazinG Race (the best encouragement is in verse 13). Ask God to help you with the Race challenge and with the challenges of life facing you today. By the way, verse 13 is FACT about God!
- Saturday** Finish Philippians 4 and note the AmazinG promise in verse 19. Have faith that God will see you through whatever challenges you face. He loves you and wants you to succeed in the AmazinG Race Challenge and in the AmazinG Race of Life! Talk to Him about your challenges and ask for His help!

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