

Outline

AmazinG RACE— Race Through the Bible!

Intro video – *Amazing Race 12 Episode 1 Part 1*

Life is an AmazinG Race!

My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God. Philippians 4:1 TM

Amazing Race Comparison to Life

Covers a lot of territory over a lit bit of time

Has Pit Stops where you stop to reflect, re-strategize, and rest

Has Roadblocks which are surprise obstacles that must be overcome

Requires Maps, Partnerships, Alliances to make it through successfully

You are responsible for your winning and losing.

AmazinG Race Components to Winning

Enjoy the Race!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Phil. 4:4 NIV

Encourage Partnership

Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! Philippians 4:5 TM

Enlist Divine Help

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6 TM

Engage a Positive Strategy

Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.

Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. Philippians 4:7,8 TM

Insert *Blown Away* video from Sermon Spice

Jerry's Message

Insert *Where, What, Who* video from Sermon Spice

Commitment Song

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