Title: The race

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#### Daniel 12:4b

<sup>4</sup> ...many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.

### Hebrews 12:1c-2

<sup>1</sup> let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Phase 1: Training

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# Phase 2: Calling

# 1. Phase 1: Training

### Hebrews 5:8-9

<sup>8</sup> though He was a Son, yet He <u>learned obedience</u> by the things which He suffered. <sup>9</sup> And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

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#### Matthew 16:25

<sup>25</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever <u>loses his life</u> for My sake will find it.

# 2. Phase 2: Calling

### Acts 13:2b

<sup>2</sup> "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

#### Daniel 3:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, and you fall down and worship the image which I have made, good! But if you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?" <sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If that is the case, our God whom we serve is **able to deliver us** from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> **But if not**, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.

# Daniel 3:28-29

<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! <sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed–Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this.

### **Ephesians 4:11-14a**

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed <u>to and fro</u> and carried about by every wind of doctrine.

### I John 1:7

<sup>7</sup> But if we <u>walk in the light</u> as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### James 5:16a

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