

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- In what part of your life do you have the greatest need for perseverance? Which of the three practices Joe talked about this morning do you think would be the most helpful for you to implement in your life right now? What steps can you take to do that?
- As you think about running the race that lies before you, what is it that most hinders you and keeps you from doing that? What can you do this week to invite God to help you address it?
- Who is running alongside you in this race? Who knows your struggles and encourages you to keep going? If you don't currently have that in your life, what is one practical thing you can do this week to begin to develop those kinds of relationships?

Some next steps: Here are some things you can do this week to dig deeper:

- We're 75% of the way through the NT40 reading plan. Keep at it! This week, try praying this prayer—written 1800 years ago—before you begin each day's reading:

"Lord, inspire us to read your Scriptures and meditate on them day and night. We beg you to give us real understanding of what we need, that we in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet we know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So we ask that the words of Scriptures may also be not just signs on a page but channels of grace into our hearts". — prayer written by the early church leader Origen

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