

Let Us RUN

Τρέχωμεν Hebrews 12:7-11

Put up with hard times. God uses them to **train you**...He is treating you as his children. **God trains all his children**...God trains us for our good. He does this so we may share in His holiness. No training seems pleasant at the time. In fact, it seems painful. But later on it produces a harvest of godliness and peace. It does this for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12:7-11 (NIRV)

God's Training Tools...

1. He trains me through His Word.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness...2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

"No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4 (NLT)

2. He trains me through others who have run well.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, ... keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith ... Hebrews 12:1-2 (NLT)

3. He trains me through Assistant Coaches (Pastors and Teachers).

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the **pastors and teachers**. Their responsibility is to equip God's people... Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

Have confidence in (Follow, Obey) your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those **who must give an account**. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Hebrews 13:17 (NIV)

4. He trains me as I run...OJT - On the Jog Training.

... And let us run... Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold--though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NLT)

5. He trains me with, and through, my team mates.

...let US run... Hebrews 12:2 (NLT)

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, "so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:12-13 (NIV)

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Every trainer has a methodology to get their client in the best shape they can. So does our God. Review the top five tools God uses to train you and then ask, "What 'tool' am I neglecting or ignoring?" List one thing you will do this week that will enhance the use of that tool in your life. Then share what you have learned with someone else and ask them to hold you accountable. Write me at Jay@centerpointchurch.com and tell me your story...