**SERMON TITLE: Life Is a Marathon - Finish Your Race** 

**KEY TEXT: Colossians 4:17 NIV** 

OTHER TEXTS ESV: Genesis 41:15-16, Genesis 41:14, Genesis 42:8, 23, Matthew

28:19, Genesis 41:33-36.

**Big Idea:** The sermon emphasizes the importance of perseverance, faithfulness, and preparedness in fulfilling a believer's life mission. It emphasizes the significance of remaining committed to the responsibilities assigned by God, whether it involves interpreting dreams like Joseph or completing a ministry like Archippus. Challenges in life should be met with determination and dedication, recognizing that delay does not necessarily mean denial. The sermon mainly highlights that life is like a marathon, where believers persistently pursue their calling with excellence, aiming to finish the race with unwavering resolve and strength.

In this sermon, Reverend Tim Rogers shares the importance of walking in your purpose, finishing your assignment strong, and going to the next mission.

### Colossians 4:17 NIV

Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

God Bless You!

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# LIFE IS A -M-A-R-A-T-F- O-NFINISH YOUR RACE

# A. Start Talking

What does *accountability* mean to you as a Connection Group member? Give an example.

# **B. Start Thinking**

- 1. How does understanding the concept of life as a marathon impact how you approach your personal goals and aspirations as a Christian? Read **Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV**.
- 2. Reflecting on Colossians 4:17 ESV, what steps can you take to ensure you stay the course of the mission you have been called to in your life?
- **3.** Considering Joseph's example in **Genesis 41, 42 ESV**, how can learning and adapting to different cultures and environments enhance your ability to fulfill your purpose or calling?

# C. Start Praying

Pray that God will help you to walk in your purpose and finish your mission strong.

## D. Start Doing

- 1. Learn the culture and language of the place that God has assigned you so that you can connect and share Christ effectively.
- 2. Learn to organize and administrate your assigned area of responsibility.
- 3. Let the Holy Spirit guide you as you complete your God-given assignment.
- **4.** Do not guit or give up when facing challenges; God will open doors for you to grow.

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