



Sermon Discussion Guide for I AM Worship Church

Trecho: Let Me Run

Pastor Mark Ogletree • Sunday, January 07, 2024



We hope this material will continue to minister as the sermon was preached during our weekly worship service. When we receive God's Word at church, we need not only to hear the message, but we ought to walk it out in our daily lives. We should "be doers of the word, not only hearers." (James 1:22)

Step 1: GET TOGETHER with your family or group.

Step 2: REVIEW the key points and scriptures from the message.

Step 3: SHARE with your group what God is saying to you through the message.

Step 4: PRAY together, for each other and over each other to continue to walk this word out.

The Big Idea (Discussion Starter)

Today we delve into the story of two runners, Ahimaaz and the Cushite, as they race to bring important news to King David. Amidst betrayal and challenging circumstances, we learn key lessons about God's faithfulness, determination in our spiritual journey, running alone when necessary, and the importance of our reputation as runners for Christ. Through it all, we are reminded of the need to run the race of faith with perseverance and a focus on Jesus.

Don't Miss This Point! God's Faithfulness To David

Pay attention to God's unwavering faithfulness to King David, even in the face of betrayal and adversity! When others doubted David's worthiness and effectiveness as a leader, he remained confident in God's plan and protection. This unwavering trust is beautifully illustrated in **Psalm 3**, where David acknowledges that despite the odds, God is his shield and sustainer. Just as God remained faithful to David, we are encouraged to trust in God's faithfulness in our own lives, even when circumstances seem bleak.

Another Great Point! Determination of Ahimaaz

Ahimaaz's determination to run to the king despite discouragement serves as a powerful example of perseverance and determination in our faith journey. When faced with opposition, doubt, or comparisons to others, we should adopt Ahimaaz's mindset of saying, "Come what may, I want to run." Regardless of our circumstances or the route we must take, we should remain steadfast in our commitment to pursue God's calling for our lives. Ahimaaz's determination reminds us that our destiny is more significant than our dilemmas, and God's hand remains on us throughout our journey.

One Last Point! Sometimes, you may have to run alone

The most important thing to remember is that we must be willing to run alone in our faith journey. Just as Ahimaaz ran alone to deliver the message, there will be times when we must go forward in our walk with God without the support or understanding of others. These moments of isolation can lead to spiritual growth and a deeper connection with God. As we embrace running alone when necessary, we can discover our true identity and purpose in Christ.



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Let's Be Doers!

As believers, we are encouraged to apply these lessons to our lives. Let us:

- Embrace God's faithfulness in times of adversity and betrayal, trusting that He remains with us.
- Cultivate determination and perseverance in our faith journey, never allowing discouragement or comparisons to deter us.
- Be willing to run alone when God calls us to, recognizing that moments of isolation can lead to spiritual growth.
- Prioritize our reputation as runners for Christ, living in a way that reflects our commitment to Him.

Finally, let's run the race of faith with unwavering focus on Jesus, who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

In 2024, let us commit to running with perseverance, fixing our eyes on Jesus, and embracing the challenges and opportunities that come our way as we pursue God's calling in our lives.