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MESSAGE SUMMARY – Pt. 8

We are challenged as believers to run the race God has uniquely marked out for us without allowing unnecessary weights, unhealthy relationships, or past disappointments slow us down. Spiritual maturity often requires us to let go of people, expectations, and offenses that no longer belong in God's purpose for our lives. We are encouraged to trust God's design, embrace His picture for our lives, and keep moving forward with endurance to run our race.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

Not every weight is necessarily a sin, but every weight will slow our progress. Sometimes the greatest obstacles to our spiritual growth are habits, unhealthy attachments, or relationships that keep us from fully pursuing God's calling. Running well requires intentional decisions about what we carry and what we leave behind. Hebrews 12:1

- What "weights" have you discovered that may be slowing your spiritual growth?
- Why is it often harder to let go of good things than obvious sinful things?
- What practical step can you take this week to remove a weight from your life?

TRUST GOD'S TIMING IN RELATIONSHIPS

One of the strongest things you can recognize is that not everyone is meant to stay forever. Some people serve as scaffolding to help build a part of God's work in our lives, while others become part of the permanent structure. Instead of living offended when seasons change, we can choose gratitude for what each person contributed while trusting God's leadership over every relationship. Hebrews 12:1

- Have you experienced someone who served an important purpose in one season but wasn't meant for the next? Share.
- Why do we often hold onto relationships that God may be asking us to release?
- How can choosing gratitude instead of offense change the way we handle relational transitions?





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TRUST GODS PICTURE FOR YOUR LIFE

God already has a complete picture for our lives. When someone unexpectedly leaves our story, God does not redraw His plan. He removes what no longer belongs in the picture He has prepared. This truth encourages us to stop measuring our future by past disappointments and to trust His greater purpose. Ephesians 1-3

- How does believing that God already has a complete picture of your life bring peace?
- Have you ever looked back and realized God removed someone or something for your good?
- What would change if you fully trusted God's plan instead of trying to control every relationship or circumstance?

CLOSING

God has called each of us to run our race with endurance, not weighed down by unnecessary burdens or trapped by past offenses. Every relationship, every season, and every transition can be viewed through the lens of God's sovereign plan rather than personal disappointment. As we trust His design, we become freer to pursue the purpose He has prepared for us.

AS A GROUP

Identify one "weight" that has been slowing your spiritual walk. Break up into groups of 2 or 3. Encourage one another to release it, whether it's an unhealthy habit, lingering offense, unrealistic expectation, or relationship that is keeping you from fully following God's direction. Pray for one another to run with renewed freedom and endurance.

PERSONAL FOCUS

Ask God to reveal anything you are holding onto that no longer belongs in your current season. Write down it down. Surrender it to Him in prayer and trust His picture instead of your own. Each day, remind yourself that God is committed to completing His purpose in your life, and choose to keep running the race He has set before you.

Close in prayer 🙏

