

## **Finish the Drill**

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### **Ready:**

Now you, man of God, run from these things; but pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Fight the good fight for the faith; take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and have made a good confession before many witnesses. — 1 Timothy 6:11–12

### **Set**

Several years ago when Bobby Dodd was the coach at Georgia Tech, Tech was beating Alabama by five points with only seconds remaining in the game. The coach told the quarterback to fall on the ball, but instead, he dropped back to pass. The pass was intercepted by an Alabama defensive back who was very fast. He got by everyone, but the quarterback chased him down from behind to tackle him. Tech won the game. Afterward, Coach Dodd was asked how the slow quarterback outran the fast defensive back. Coach said, “The defensive back was running for a touchdown, but the quarterback was running for his life.”

Our perspective and attitude about life will determine if we will “finish the drill.” It has become the exception rather than the norm to see people willing to “finish the drill.” If we are going to finish the drill in our Christian faith, we must realize the following:

- The Christian life is a life of faith. Faith in Christ will give you eternal life and sustain you through all situations.
- The Christian life is one of focus. As a player and coach, I knew that practice was essential in order to have success in the game. Focus on getting to know Christ better.
- The Christian life is a long-distance run. We have all seen people who have started out strong in their faith, but finished poorly. Commit to finishing strong in Christ!

God desires for us as coaches to give our all in our relationship with Him.

### **Go**

1. Are you on track to finish the drill?
2. Is your focus on Christ and on growing in your fellowship with Him? Or is your focus on the next game, or on other things with no eternal value?
3. Are you slowing down in your Christian journey, or are you gaining speed to finish strong?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: Psalm 37:5–6; Isaiah 26:3; John 15:1–8; 1 Corinthians 9:24–27

## Overtime

Lord, help me to trust You every day so I will finish strong. Amen.



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