YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME

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"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and <u>are CALLED according to his PURPOSE</u> <u>FOR THEM.</u> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them <u>TO BECOME LIKE HIS SON</u>, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters." Rom. 8:28-29 (NLT)

MY 3RD LIFE CALLING: _____

TOOLS WE USE

HOW DO I BECOME WHAT GOD CALLS ME TO BE? Running Your Marathon to Maturity: Heb. 12

1.

"Let us <u>strip off anything that slows us down</u> or <u>holds us back</u>, and <u>especially those sins</u> that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and <u>let us run</u> with patience the <u>PARTICULAR</u> <u>RACE that God has set before us</u>." Heb. 12:1 (LB)

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"...let us <u>run with patience</u> the particular race that God has set before us." Heb. 12:1b (LB)

3.

"We do this by <u>keeping our eyes on Jesus</u>, on whom our faith depends from start to finish." Heb. 12:2 a (NLT)

"All of us have had that veil removed <u>so that we can be mirrors</u> that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, <u>WE BECOME</u> more and more like him and reflect his glory even more." 2 Cor. 3:18 (NLT)

4.

"<u>Jesus did not give up</u> because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. <u>Think of what he went through</u>; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! <u>So do not let yourselves become</u> <u>discouraged and give up</u>." Heb. 12:2-3 (TEV)

"After you suffer for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right. <u>He will make you strong and support you</u> and keep you from falling. <u>HE CALLED YOU</u> to share in his glory in Christ, a glory that will continue forever." 1 Peter 5:10 (NCV)

5.

"Let us consider how we may <u>spur one another on</u> toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up <u>meeting together</u>, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:24-25 (NIV)

6.

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will <u>finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and</u> <u>wants me to be</u>... I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <u>I strain to reach the end of the race</u> and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is CALLING us up to heaven." Phil. 3:12-14 (NLT)

7.

"All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So <u>I run straight to</u> the goal with purpose in every step. I am not like a boxer who misses his punches." 1 Cor. 9:25-26 (NLT)

"Lift up your tired hands, then, and strengthen your trembling knees! <u>Keep walking on straight paths</u>, so that your lame foot may not be disabled, but instead be healed." Heb. 12:12-13 (TEV)

8.

"I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will <u>continue his work until it is finally finished</u> on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Phil. 1:6 (NLT)

"Dear friends, we are already God's children, and we can't even imagine <u>what we will be like</u> when Christ returns. But we do know that when he comes <u>we will be like him</u>, for we will see him as he really is!" John 3:2 (NLT)