

**RUN TO WIN**  
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**1 CORINTHIANS 3:6** *I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.*

**ARC VALUE:** Make **GENEROSITY** normal.

- We invest our lives, not just our money.

**RUNNING TO WIN:**

- 223 Big Boxes (approx. \$100 each to fill)
- Missions Store raised \$6717
- 36 volunteers for Respite Night
- 1100 people volunteered on a team in the past year.

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-27** *Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win **as many as possible**. To the Jews I became like a Jew, **to win** the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as **to win** those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as **to win** those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, **to win** the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this **for the sake of the gospel**, that I may share in its blessings. Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize**. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it **to get a crown that will last forever**. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

**QUESTION:** What would it take for us to run to win?

We have to know the difference between **RUNNING** and **BUSYNESS**.

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We have to know the difference between **WINNING** and **PRESERVING**.

- We **appreciate** those who ran before us.
- We **accept** the baton.
- We **advance**.

We have to know the difference between **SACRIFICE** and **COMPROMISE**.

- **Sacrifice:** giving up something of value for something else of **greater** value
- **Compromise:** giving up something of value for something else of **lesser** value

**HURDLES:**

- Kids Ministry volunteers
- Giving