

## WIN | Kyle Reno | 1 Corinthians 9

### 1 Corinthians 9:19-22 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

**LIFE WAS INTENDED TO HAVE A BIGGER MISSION**

### 1 Corinthians 9:23 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

**LIFE WAS INTENDED TO HAVE A BETTER “WHY” BEHIND THE “WHAT”**

### 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup> Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

**EMBRACE LIFE AS A RACE**

How do you run well for the rest of your life?

- Let *God's Word* become your *Running Trail*.

### Psalms 119:105 (ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

- Run in the *Strength of the Holy Spirit*.

### Ephesians 3:16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being...

- Lay anything down that *hinders* how you run.

### Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

- Find you some *Running Buddies*.

### Hebrews 10:24(ESV)

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds...

- Focus on the *Finish Line*.

### Hebrews 12:2 (NIV)

For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

*The secret of my success over the 400m is that I run the first 200m as fast as I can. Then, for the second 200m, with God's help I run faster.*

*Eric Liddell*

- While being a gold medalist is a heck of a feat, he's known in heaven for much more than that.
  - He followed God's calling into mission work which ultimately led him to China.
    - While serving in China as a missionary he met his wife.
    - They served faithfully in gospel work for several years together until he realized with the tension between Japan & China around WWII budding things were becoming too dangerous.
    - He sent his wife, their two daughters to Canada for safety reasons. His wife was also pregnant with their 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter they'd later find out.

- Not long after their departure. Eric was taken captive and placed in a Japanese prison camp along with other missionaries and Chinese believers.
- In his imprisonment, Eric was known for his contagious joy. Serving, encouraging and ministering to people consistently.
- He began to be called...” Jesus in running shoes” in that prison camp. Known as Uncle Eric to over 500 kids also in that prison camp.
- Unfortunately, due to the conditions of the prison...Eric became ill and would ultimately die in that prison camp.
  - His good friend that cared for him in his last days shared Eric’s last words. Which helps us better understand what helped him run his race so well to the end.

“It’s complete surrender!”

-Eric Liddell

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### 1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup> But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

### ENGAGE LIFE AS A FIGHT

How do you Fight well till the Finish?

- Take *Training* Seriously.

### 2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

- Become *Aware* of your *Enemy*.

### 1 Peter 5:8

<sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- Get into the *Ring*.

**Ephesians 6:10-11(ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

- Learn how to take a *Punch*.

**1 Peter 4:12 (ESV)**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

- Remember the Last Round is coming.

**2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV)**

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.