

The Greatest Runner in the Bible

There was a season in my life when I became a runner. Growing up I played football, basketball and baseball . So I was always running to either keep in shape or as punishment for something. But that is not the season of life I am talking about. When I was 38 years old I decided I wanted to run a marathon (26.2 miles). I call this my mid-life crisis. For my mid-life crisis I didn't buy a little red sports car or start wearing some funky cologne. No, I just started running and running and running... And on a sunny spring day in 2006 I ran my one and only marathon. I remember thinking as I crossed the finish line, "Well, I'll never do that again."

Running long distances gives you a lot of time to think. I remember running and thinking about anyone in the bible who was a runner. The prophet Elijah was a good runner. In 1 Kings 18, Elijah outran Ahab. And Ahab was in a horse drawn chariot. In 2 Samuel 2, there was a man named Asahel who is described as a man who was as fleet-footed as a wild gazelle. On resurrection morning, Peter and John both sprinted to the tomb of Jesus. John made sure to let everyone know that he outran Peter and got to the tomb first. But none of these were the greatest runner in the bible.

In Luke 15, Jesus tells the parable of the prodigal son. In this story the son leaves his father in search of a better life. After blowing through all of his money and friends he decides that home with his father is the best place to be. So he starts heading home while he is still working on his speech to his father. The son decides that he would start with a confession. Then beg to just be one of his father's hired servants. This is if his father would even see him. But as the son nears home what he sees shocks him.

But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20

The greatest runner in the bible is not a prophet, a soldier or a disciple. The greatest runner in the bible is God. Every time you turn back to Him, He will run to meet you, embrace you and call you His child.

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TONIGHT SERVICE

6p.m

Brandon Smith

Joshua:

The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10

July 26, 2026

*You are Welcomed
Here*

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30,

Worship 10:30,

6PM - Sunday Evenings

Wednesday

Devo & Bible Classes at 6:30

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July 19

Worship	147
Offering	\$ 8,687
Budget	\$ 6,250

Servant Song
Call to Worship
Prayer
Walking in Sunlight 708
Since I Have Been Redeemed 579
Welcome
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 742
Lord's Supper
Offering
Children's Lesson
There's Within My Heart a Melody 676
Scripture Reading
2 Corinthians 13:14
The Christian's Toolbelt-
"Experiencing God"
Is Thy Heart Right with God 337
Family News
Higher Ground 234
Prayer

July 27	John Grubbs
July 30	Blake Ware
Aug 02	Renee & Terry Cloud
	Dottie & Carrell Dennis

July 26

Call to Worship:

Communion: John Grubbs

Scripture Reading : Chris Yarberry

Closing Prayer: Billy Hydrick

A/V: Terry Cloud & Greg Browning

Nursery: Holly Allen & Kristy Puesta

Bible Hour: Whitney & Brandon Pyle

Aug 03

Song Leader: Chase Palmer

Call to Worship: Greg Browning

Welcome: Phillip Treat

Communion: Sam Palmer

Scripture Reading: Camden McNeely

Closing Prayer: Chad McNeely

A/V: Terry Cloud & Greg Browning

Nursery: Kristy Puesta & Damaris Nowell

Bible Hour— Holly Allen, Donna Lovelace, & Wanda Owen

July Greeters: Tom & Melva Toy

July Communion: David Little

EAST: Richard Yarberry, Cesar Zambrano,
Blake Ware, Phillip Smith

WEST: Patrick Parker, Sam Palmer, Chad McNeely, Bill McKechnie

