

MADE #4

"Press on"

Philippians 3:12-16 / November 24, 2013

START - The finish line in Athens (Panathenaic Stadium, circa 329 BC)

How to run the race for being "made":

1. Forget what lies behind (v. 13)

2. Strain forward (vs. 12, 13 and 14)

- a. "taking hold"
- b. pressing and straining
- c. training with Paul (I Corinthians 9:25&27)

3. [Run] for the prize (v. 14)

- a. Resurrection is the context (vs. 10&11)
- b. Race prizes and crowns (I Corinthians 9:25, I Peter 5:4)
- c. Upward call of God

4. Keep running

- a. We have "not obtained"... (12)
- b. ...but "we have attained" (16)
- c. There is a finish (II Timothy 4:7&8)

FINISH - One thing (Hebrews 12:1)

Prayer for Eastview Christian Church

- Dear God keep me from being complacent in my spiritual life. Help me and our church to neither rest on our laurels nor feel as though we have arrived.
- Father, help me to strain forward this week in my spiritual life. Especially help me to take the next step of this faith race by _____.
- Thank you Jesus for running this race ahead of me, marking out the course, and guaranteeing my finish.
- Lord, please use the fourth service beginning January 12 to grow your church. Give us strength and courage to plant and water seeds of faith and for your glory please make them grow.
- Father, bless our expanding ministry offering December 22nd. You have been generous. Help me to be generous for your Name, in this place and throughout the world.

Baptism Testimonies

Grace Woudenberg (8:00)

Sunday after Sunday I asked God to help me become closer to Him, but I was never able to live up to that. Recently, during a service, I prayed for the longest I ever had before. During that prayer, I felt myself become closer to God and I decided to surrender my life and problems to God. "In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the Lord..." Jeremiah 29:12-14

Joy Woudenberg (8:00)

I have grown up in a Christian household all of my life, so I know all the beliefs and story. Knowing is different than doing. I have been a lazy Christian and I wanted to turn my life around this past year. I've come closer to Christ and I'm hoping by this baptism I can come even closer.