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Endurance for the Right Race (Part 3)

Another Study on Endurance: Excerpts from the Article of Stepanie Quick from FAI

Here's what this tells me: It's possible to cross the finish line with a smile on my face. It's possible to actually run across the finish line with joy in my heart and pep in my step, despite the troubles I faced on the route now behind me. It is possible to finish, and finish well. That's my goal: to finish well.

"Don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you," the aged Peter advised.[16] It's just training. It's just refinement. It's an invitation to mature, and to meet Jesus in the growing up. In fact, celebrate it. "Count it all joy," said James.[17] Peter expounds:

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.[18] The greatest encouragement is, Jesus already ran ahead of you.[19]

He's already cut the road. He's already found the finish line. And He is waiting for you there with a giant keg of Gatorade to dump over your head and champagne to spray on you. Whatever it looks like until then, He is with you.[20] I'll leave you with what one of my box buddies screams at me any time I start walking on a run: "No! You can't stop. You can slow down, but you can't stop. You have to keep running."

So keep running. He sees and will reward every step, even the smallest acts of obedience.[21] And you'll regret nothing when you see Him. I still haven't completely won my mental battle against box jumps. I also still haven't given up. My knees might, though. But... imagine how good my box jumps will be in the resurrection when I finally have invincible knees.

Maranatha indeed.