

## MADE ALIVE: To Make Disciples

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Text: Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Previous generations serve as an example of God's faithfulness for the next generation. Hebrews 11:39-12:1

Let us also ---- This means You. Hebrews 12:1

Let us ---- Run the race set before us. Hebrews 12:1

We must determine to run as if we want to win. 1 Corinthians 9:19-24

Love limits liberty. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Self-Control is about how to limit our liberty. 1 Corinthians 9:25-27; Hebrews 12:1

MAKE NO MISTAKE: YOU WILL PASS ON A BATON. BUT WHICH ONE?

Keep looking to Him & away from the things of the world.

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## Food for Thought for the week of October 18, 2015

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-27. What is the "race" and why is this important to recognize? How does your answer to this question affect other generations making disciples? Take some time to talk about this with your group.
3. Given the Greek translation for "race" (agony) in the New Testament, how does this make you think of passages like Hebrews 12:1-2 differently? Discuss your reactions. Think about Brandon's image about the Olympics. Olympic athletes sacrifice so much of themselves to be competitors at the games. It takes time, dedication, and good coaching. Training. What are weights and sins you need to take off as you train for this race?
4. When athletes train, they have programs that give them specific points to work on to achieve their goals. As you contemplate your role in the race and the weights you need to strip off, what does your training program look like? How can you begin working on those areas that need strengthening? How can you encourage fellow believers in those goals?
5. The handing off of the baton happens in a small window of time, but can make or break the entire race. John 14:26 and Acts 1:5 illustrate the ultimate handoff – Jesus handing the Holy Spirit off to His disciples and ascending into heaven. Discuss in your group how the Holy Spirit plays a role in your race and the generations we pass the baton off to. How does this change your view of the handoff to other generations?

**Application:** Psalm 145:4-7 is a powerful picture of all generations being filled by the love and grace of Jesus. It's what we strive for as followers of Christ and as a church, but it doesn't happen overnight. It's a process. As you start taking small steps to run the race in a way that fulfills such a vision - as an individual and as a member or a team - remember to keep your eyes on Jesus!