

## Our Marathon

Have you ever pondered the term 'the human race'...

That's what life feels like, doesn't it... a race. A race to get this done, meet that target, before the next one and the one after that. And it keeps on going... like a marathon.

Along the way there are challenges; times when you fall over, times when you feel you've got nothing left, and it is hard to get up again... and keep going.

Marathons require stamina, endurance and perseverance... and encouragement... to keep us focused on our purpose and to keep our destination clear in our minds.

The writer of Hebrews, speaking of our spiritual faith journey, says it like this:

So we have many people of faith around us. Their lives tell us what faith means. So let us run the race that is before us and never give up. We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way. And we should remove the sin that so easily catches us. Let us look only to Jesus. He is the one who began our faith, and he makes our faith perfect. Hebrew 12:1,2a ICB

Have you ever wondered what these 'people of faith' might share with us?

Would they be pointing us to Jesus and his words? Truth that would help us to keep to the course when we get tired, distracted or led astray... Would they be sharing their own stories...where following Jesus wasn't always easy, but God remained their source of security and strength?

This week we were reminded of many of bible verses that encouraged us throughout this term. And the list was not exhaustive... The bible has a bountiful supply of God's encouragement. Just have a look!

Refreshing water to quench our thirst, good food to sustain us and the certain reassurance that he is with us every step of the way...

God bless you with everything you need...

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