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Hey, Future Me: Finish Well

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for future me...

Godliness

"Getting in shape is good, but striving for GODLINESS is much better because it benefits you in this life and in the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:7

Truth

"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." -Jesus, John 8:32

Forgiveness

Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

Know my IDENTITY and PURPOSE

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Finishing WELL

Run in such a way that you may take the prize. 1 Corinthians 9:24

Let us run the race before us. Hebrews 12:2

I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Philippians 3:14

"Running for God..."

It's not easy but it's awesome.

I have to keep going.

"Let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..."

"...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

Hurry to visit me soon. Demas has abandoned me. He fell in love with this present world. 2 Timothy 4:9-10

I have to FINISH.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful." 1 Timothy 4:7

For your LifeGroup and growth time.

Read 2 Timothy 4 together. What was Paul's concern here? Why was he so focused on 'ending well'?

How is living for Christ like a "race"? Share some examples you may have of how you have felt like slowing down, or giving up or getting a second wind.

Talk about the letters you wrote. How did it feel to write something like that? How do you think you'll feel when you open it in December?

If you are comfortable, share some specifics that you wrote.

About Godliness...

About growing in truth and the Bible...

About forgiveness...

What are your plans for ending well?

Pray together and support each other!

If you'd like to grow in your faith and connect with others, LifeGroups are a great place for you. For more information, drop us your name and we'll get back to you (emma@marinerscc.org)