

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Message: Focus and Listen
Speaker: Rusty Coram
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After reviewing our passage for the message, answer the following as honestly as you can:

Do I think Jesus would see me as an athletic member of His team, or am I more like a fan or spectator?

Why do I think this is so?

In my spiritual “habits” (Bible reading/study, prayer, involvement, service to my church, etc.), am I disciplined or am I more “hit or miss”?

What is one thing I could begin to change now to become more deliberate in my spiritual life?

Am I actively looking for ways God can use me in my family, work, church, and community to be a positive influence for Him and help others see the value of trusting and following Christ?

If not, why?

If so, what has He been leading me towards?

What can I do today to strengthen my resolve to “run with purpose” for Jesus’ sake?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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²² Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. ²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should.

Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:22–27 (NLT)

All followers of Jesus should see themselves...

...as athletes, not spectators.

...as disciplined, not dabblers.

...as actively training – not coasting, retired, or holding out.

...as aiming for a prize.