

Daily Devotion For July 28, 2021

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2

One of the most celebrated Olympians of all time is a British sprinter by the name of Derek Redmond. Derek Redmond never won a medal, in fact he’s remembered for coming in dead last, but how he finished the race is still etched into enduring memory of the Olympics games.

In the 1992 Olympic games in Barcelona, Midway through his semifinal 400 meter race, Redmond tore his hamstring and fell to the ground in terrible pain. Rather than allow medics to carry him off the field, Redmond limped his way to the finish line supported by his father. A crowd of over 65,000 spectators gave him a standing ovation.

How we finish the race is vastly more important than winning it. As Christians, we need to live every day as if it’s our last. Yae Kuwatani makes us realize that we never know when our last day will come. Will you be remembered as someone who showed God’s love, compassion, and mercy?

Thought For Today: It is not how we start the race but how we finish. How are you running your Christian race? Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and run to the finish.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Continue to pray for those in our church family who mourn and grieve the passing of their loved ones. The Kuwatani, Montoya, and Marquez families. Pray that our church family will run a great race. Continue to pray this week’s prayer fuel. Deo Volente.