

Running Races

and How to Win the Prize

The First Race

Psalm 1:1 – Blessed is the man that
walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly...

Boo was running a race.

He ran by a boy
who was only walking.

The boy asked Boo,
“Why are you running?”

Boo said,
“I want the prize!”

“Everyone gets a prize,”
said the boy.

Boo stopped running
and walked with the boy.

“How do you know
you’ll get a prize?” asked Boo.

“It makes sense,” said the boy.

“It’s what we all want.”

Boo thought hard.

The rule book said
there was only one prize.

“I want to **win** the prize,”
said Boo.

Boo left the walking boy
and ran toward the finish line!

The Second Race

Psalm 1:1 – Blessed is the man that
that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners...

Boo was running the race.
He ran fast!

In front of him
a boy was standing still.

“Where are you going?”
asked the boy.

“I’m going to win the prize,”
said Boo.

“Stay here with me,”
said the boy.

“Someone will bring us a prize.”

“How do you know
you’ll get the prize?” asked Boo.

“If you wish for a prize,
it will come,” said the boy.

Boo thought hard.

The rule book said
to run to win the prize.

“I’m going to **run**,” said Boo.

He ran away
from the standing boy.

Boo would
win the prize for sure!

The Third Race

Psalm 1:1 – Blessed is the man that
walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Boo was running hard.

He was tired.

The finish line was still far away.

He passed a boy sitting
on the grass.

“Hey!” said the boy.
“Are you tired? Sit down.”

Boo said,
“I’m trying to win the prize.”

“There’s no prize,” said the boy.

Boo stopped quick
and sat down on the grass.

“How do you know
there’s no prize?” asked Boo.

“Because there’s no race,”
said the boy. “It’s just pretend.”

Boo thought hard.

The rule book said
there was a race and a prize.

I've been running the race,"
said Boo. "It's not pretend."

Boo got up and ran fast
away from the sitting boy.

He was going to win the prize!

Moral of the Races

Boo's Race

is his clean life with Jesus.

Boo loves Jesus.

Boo runs fast to be with Jesus
and to know Him better.

I Corinthians 9:24; Hebrews 12:1

Boo's Rule Book

is the Bible.

It tells Boo what is true,
where he should go,
and why he should run the race.

II Timothy 3:16-17

Boo's Boys

are strangers of the world.

They don't understand
the Rule Book.

They try to stop Boo
from running as fast as he can.

Colossians 2:8

Boo's Prize

is the Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the race

Boo will be with Jesus forever.

Jesus will reward Boo
for how he runs the race.

II Corinthians 5:10

The Biggest Race

Boo was riding bikes
with his friend Red.

Boo forgot to turn his bike
and ran over Mrs. Mum's flowers.

The flowers were smashed flat.

“Ride away quick,” said Red.
“Don’t let Mrs. Mum see you!”

Red got on his own bike
and rode away from Boo.

Boo didn't know what to do.

He didn't want to tell Mrs. Mum
he had smashed her flowers.
She might be angry.

Boo thought hard.

The Bible says you should pay
for something you break.

Did that mean flowers?

“I can't run away,” said Boo.

“I have to tell Mrs. Mum
and get her some new flowers.”

Boo chose to do the right thing.
He was brave and did good.

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