

RUN THE RACE

Find My Lane

Hebrews 12:1

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Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." (NIV)

Hebrews 10:38-39, "38...But my righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back.' 39 But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved." (NIV)

Ephesians 2:8-10, "8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (NIV)

If I am a Christian, I am on the track, and God wants me to run the race of faith.

The race of faith bridges the gap between who I am positionally in heaven and who I am practically on earth.

I am called to run in the lane God has provided me in his race.

God has shaped me for the lanes he has called me to run in.

Job 10:8, "Your hands shaped me and made me..." (NIV)

I find my lane by knowing my:

S piritual Gifts

H earth

A bilities

P ersonality

E xperiences

What God made me to be determines what he intends for me to do.

It is good to love our lanes, run faithfully in them, and invite others to join us in our lanes.

It is not good to think our lanes are better than the other lanes and to judge others who are not running in our lanes.

Beware of Passion Projection: When I project my personal passion onto everyone else. It is a sinful form of pride.

Matthew 20:26-28, "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NIV)

Reminder: My SHAPE determines my ministry, but my attitude determines my maturity.

We encourage two kinds of ministries at Life Church:

Primary Ministry: An area of ministry where I am shaped to serve.

Secondary Ministry: An area of ministry where the church has a need.

1 Corinthians 7:17, "Nevertheless, each one should retain the place in life that the Lord assigned to him and to which God has called him. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches." (NIV)

I need to find my lane!