

READY FOR LAUNCH

Elementary
Week 3

FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-26

Initiative is great, but it means nothing without the diligence to get things done. Nehemiah knew he had a job to do. It was not just any job: a job God had called him to. So even when it was hard and people were criticizing and trying to stop him, he kept on working. He did not let the distractions get to him. Nehemiah knew what race he was running, and he knew it was worth the time and effort because he “knew his why.” This was not just any race; this was what God called him to.

Like Paul says, we are all running a race, but running this race as a Christian (trying to pursue God) is a much more motivating reason than someone not pursuing God... or at least it is when we remember who we are running after. Nehemiah knew his race; his call was not aimless. It was for God, otherwise it probably wouldn't have been worth it. It is so easy to run ourselves ragged when we get our priorities out of whack when we forget our “whys”. I have this job to take care of my family, not to work my life away and neglect everything else. I use my gifts for God, not just for my enjoyment, but to help others. We start with the why, and if the why is from Jesus, then it is worth pursuing.

What are you running towards?

What is your “why” for teaching/volunteering in kids ministry?

What is distracting you from what God has called you to?