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2 Corinthians 8:11 (NIV) - *Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it.*

Learning #1: We will face opposition to being a finisher.

John 16:33 (NIV) - *In this world you will have trouble.*

2 Timothy 4:5 (NLT) - *But you should keep a clear mind in every situation. Don't be afraid of suffering for the Lord. Work at telling others the Good News, and fully carry out the ministry God has given you.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (NLT) - *As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.*

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) - *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

Learning #2: To be a finisher, we've got to keep our eyes focused on Jesus.

John 16:33 (NIV) - *In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*

Romans 8:37 (NIV) - *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

Proverbs 4:25-27 (NIV) - *Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.*

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NIV) - *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, 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.*

Learning #3: To be a finisher, you have to trust that Jesus has made you a finisher.

John 19:30 (NIV) - *Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:4-5 (ESV) - *Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.*

Philippians 1:6 (NIV) - *Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Romans 8:37-38 (NIV) - *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*