YOU ARE CALLED TO BECOME "Running The Marathon to Maturity" Rom. 8:28-29 Live Your Calling: What On Earth Am I Here For? – Part 4 Bro. Mark Winn, FBC Coahoma 9/29/13am

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and <u>are CALLED according to his PURPOSE FOR THEM.</u> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them <u>TO BECOME LIKE HIS SON</u>, so that his Son would be the firstborn, with many brothers and sisters." Rom. 8:28-29 (NLT)

MY 3RD LIFE CALLING: To BECOME_____

HOW DO I BECOME WHAT GOD CALLS ME TO BE? By Running in the Marathon to Maturity: Hebrews 12

1. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: I must remember I'm in a _____.

"Let us <u>strip off anything that slows us down</u> or <u>holds us back</u>, and <u>especially those sins</u> that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and <u>let us run</u> with patience the <u>PARTICULAR RACE that God has set before us</u>." Heb. 12:1 (LB)

1st---___a Race

2nd---Running

2. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: I must run with _____

"...Let us <u>run with patience</u> the particular race that God has set before us." Heb. 12:1b (LB)

3. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: I must run with the right____

"We do this by <u>keeping our eyes on Jesus</u>, on whom our faith depends from start to finish." Heb. 12:2 a (NLT)

"All of us have had that veil removed <u>so that we can be mirrors</u> that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, <u>WE BECOME more and more like</u> <u>him</u> and reflect his glory even more." 2 Cor. 3:18 (NLT)

4. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: I need to avoid getting

"Jesus did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne. <u>Think of what he went through</u>; how he put up with so much hatred from sinners! <u>So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up</u>." Heb. 12:2-3 (TEV)

"After you suffer for a short time, God, who gives all grace, will make everything right. <u>He will make you strong and support you</u> and keep you from falling. <u>HE CALLED YOU</u> to share in his glory in Christ, a glory that will continue forever." 1 Peter 5:10 (NCV)

MEMORY VERSE

"In ALL things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

5. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: I need to remember the ______ I receive.

Heb. 12: 1a"...since we are surrounded by should a huge crowd of witnesses..."

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will <u>finally be all that Christ Jesus saved</u> <u>me for and wants me to be</u>... I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, <u>I strain to reach the end of</u> <u>the race</u> and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is CALLING us up to heaven." Phil. 3:12-14 (NLT)

6. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: I must stay on the _____

"Lift up your tired hands, then, and strengthen your trembling knees! <u>Keep walking on</u> <u>straight paths, so that your lame foot may not be disabled, but instead be healed."</u> Heb. 12:12-13 (TEV)

7. In Running the Marathon to Maturity: Remember there is a _____

"I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will <u>continue his work until it is</u> <u>finally finished</u> on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again." Phil. 1:6 (NLT)