



## McFarland USA

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### Introduction:

- God at the movies?
- Based on true story

## Running the race of life

### 1. The race is hard - \_\_\_\_\_

*...we, too, should run the race that is before us and never quit. We should remove from our lives anything that would slow us down and the sin that so often makes us fall. We must never stop looking to Jesus. He is the leader of our faith, and he is the one who makes our faith complete. He suffered death on a cross. But he accepted the shame of the cross as if it were nothing because of the joy he could see waiting for him. And now he is sitting at the right side of God's throne. Think about Jesus. He patiently endured the angry insults that sinful people were shouting at him. Think about him so that you won't get discouraged and stop trying.*

**Hebrews 12:1-3 ERV**

### 2. Attitude matters - \_\_\_\_\_

*My brothers and sisters, you will have many kinds of trouble. But this gives you a reason to be very happy. You know that when your faith is tested, you learn to be patient in suffering. If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be.*

**James 1:2-4 ERV**

### 3. Run to win - \_\_\_\_\_

*You know that in a race all the runners run, but only one runner gets the prize. So run like that. Run to win!*

**1 Corinthians 9:24 ERV**

### Next Steps:

- Re-read today's Bible verses
- I will persevere in my faith and through the hardships and challenges I am facing
- I will find joy in knowing that my troubles will produce maturity when I keep a good attitude
- I commit to run the race of life all out, to win
- I will invite a friend to "At the Movies"
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