





**PART 7**

**GO FOR THE GOAL**





*“Not that I have already obtained all this, or  
have already been made perfect.”*

PHILIPPIANS 3:12

***Going for the goal in salvation is  
pursuing Christ-likeness!***

*See Philippians 3:10*



*“We’re already God’s children, but he’s not yet shown us what we’ll be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”*

1 JOHN 3:2



*“God pre-ordained that we should be conformed to the image of his Son.”*

ROMANS 8:29



*“But I press on to take hold of that for which  
Christ Jesus took hold of me.”*

PHILIPPIANS 3:12

*I take hold of/Christ took hold of:  
reciprocal motivation*



RUN STRONG – FINISH WELL

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**Don't forget for Whom  
you are running!**



*“But I press on to take hold of that for which  
Christ Jesus took hold of me.”*

PHILIPPIANS 3:12





*“Consider Jesus, who endured such opposition so that  
you will not grow weary and lose heart.”*

HEBREWS 12:3



*“Fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, then sat down at the right hand of God’s throne.”*

HEBREWS 12:2



*“Therefore ... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”*

HEBREWS 12:1

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**Don't look back!**



*“I’ve not yet taken hold of it, but one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward.”*

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14



*“Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And run with endurance the race set before us.”*

HEBREWS 12:1

————— **SIN:** —————

anything that breaks God’s commands - greed, envy, sloth, lust, anger, gluttony, pride.

————— **WEIGHT:** —————

not necessarily sin, but something impeding full devotion to Christ.



*“Everyone who competes in the games  
goes into strict training.”*

1 CORINTHIANS 9:25

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## **Train with champions!**



*“All of us who are mature should take such a view. And if on some point you think differently, God will make clear to you, too. Only let us live up to what we’ve already attained. Follow my example, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I’ve...*

PHILIPPIANS 3:15-19

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## **Train with champions!**



*...we gave you. For, as I've often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things."*

PHILIPPIANS 3:15-19



## Miami Dolphins

In 1965, the American Football League awarded an expansion franchise to Joe Robbie and television star Danny Thomas for \$7.5 million. The naming of the franchise was left to the public. "Dolphins" was submitted by 622 entrants in a contest that attracted 19,843 entries. "The dolphin is one of the fastest and smartest creatures in the sea," Joe Robbie said in announcing his football team's nickname. Their first coach, George Wilson, saw the ragtag American Football League expansion through their first four seasons. In 1969, Don Shula was signed to become the Dolphins head coach. In the next five seasons, the Dolphins saw 65 victories, three Superbowl appearances and two NFL championships.



1983: Dan Marino.



1977: Shula consoles John Sandusky after



12/15/1979, John Walther/Miami Herald: Dolphins vs. Jets.





## Perfect-season Dolphins invited to White House

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Credit: The Associated Press

In this Jan. 14, 1973 file photo, Miami Dolphins coach Don Shula is carried off the field after his team won the Super Bowl game with a 14-7 victory over Washington, in Los Angeles. The Dolphins team that achieved the only perfect season in NFL history will be honored by the White House next Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, more than 40 years after its accomplishment. (AP Photo/File)

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins team that achieved the only perfect season in NFL history will be honored by the White House next Tuesday, more than 40 years after its accomplishment.

President Obama will welcome the 1972 Dolphins for the first White House ceremony honoring the only team to go 17-0. Pro Football Hall of Fame



*“Consider the outcome of their way of  
life and imitate their faith.”*

HEBREWS 13:7



*“Since we are surrounded by such a  
great cloud of witnesses...”*

HEBREWS 12:1

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## Keep your eye on the prize!



*“Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, Jesus, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”*

PHILIPPIANS 3:20-21



*“To win the contest you must deny yourselves many things that would keep you from doing your best...but we do it for a heavenly reward that never disappears. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step.”*

**1 CORINTHIANS 9:25-26**





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*To know the “runner’s high”  
of winning the greatest race of  
all, fix your eyes on Jesus, and  
go for the goal.*



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