

The Greatest Challenge
The Marathon Part 8 of 8
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The greatest challenge through the decades is to focus on doing the will of God

Ephesians 5:15–17 (NLT) So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Life flows amid a broken world and it's society

Revelation 12:7–10 (ESV) Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸ but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹ And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God.

Ephesians 6:11–12 (ESV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

My Next Step Today is to:

- ☐ For the first time, I accept Jesus as my Savior and commit to follow Him as Lord
- ☐ I will fight my enemy to focus my life on doing the will of God
- ☐ I will work through any hurt I have to forgive those who have hurt me