



Sermon Outline
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Chosen!

1 Corinthians
9:24-26a

* **There's a _____ just for you on Team Jesus.**

1 Thessalonians 1:4 - For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has chosen you...

Ephesians 1:11 - In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will...

*** You're not here by accident!**
You're here on _____!

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*** Are you living your life in a way that acknowledges you're on Team Jesus?**
Because... The Race is on!

1 Corinthians 9:24-26a - Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. 25 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. 26 Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly.

* **Serving isn't about _____ your salvation.**

** The "race" and "obtaining the prize" is not an analogy for earning eternal life.*

* **Serving isn't about _____ with others for accomplishment or recognition.**

Galatians 6:4-5 - Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, for each one should carry their own load.

* **Serving is about living your life for Christ because He _____ for you.**

2 Corinthians 5:15 - And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again.

* **The expression of our commitment to our faith in Jesus ought to be more than an athlete would give to _____.**

** Why is it that, often, we live less like runners in a race, and more like spectators in the stands—as people content to cheer on those who are truly 'committed' as they run, but then go back to life as usual when we're through watching the race?*

* **Getting in the race requires _____.**

Therefore, I do not run like someone running aimlessly. – The Apostle Paul

Steps to take:

1. Prayerfully consider where God is calling you to serve.
2. Step up and step in by volunteering to serve.
3. Experiment to find your sweet spot of serving.

* **While money is a valuable and important resource, _____ has become the latest hot commodity.**

* **God's not looking for the most talented & gifted participants. He simply uses those who make themselves _____.**

Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. _____!"

* **Instead of trying to do something great for God. Just do _____ for a great God.**