

“Make *It* Make Sense”



'It'... 'Life'

“Life in broad terms cannot be fully understood but a degree of understanding of life with respect to a person’s journey through life is required; so, sons do not live as slaves, victors do not walk as victims and royals do not talk like the ordinary.”

Dr Grace Ajayi

Ecclesiastes 9:11 'Consistent Inconsistencies'

¹¹ I returned and **saw under the sun** that—

The race *is* not to the swift,
Nor the battle to the strong,
Nor bread to the wise,

Nor riches to men of understanding,
Nor favor to men of skill;

But **time and chance** happen to them all. (NKJV)

¹¹ I have **observed something else under the sun**. The fastest runner doesn't always win the race, and the strongest warrior doesn't always win the battle. The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skilful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives. **It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time.** (NLT)

Ecclesiastes 9:12

¹² For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men *are* snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them. (NKJV)

¹² People can never predict when hard times might come. Like fish in a net or birds in a trap, people are caught by sudden tragedy. (NLT)

Life is unfair!
No guarantee of certainty
No immunity against tragedy

Which 'race' are we in?

1. Set Before Us

Heb. 12:1 ^{NLT} ¹ "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance **the race God has set before us.**"

2. Personal and Purposeful

1Cor. 9:24-26 ^{NKJV} ²⁴ Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for **an eternal prize.** ²⁶ So I run with **purpose in every step...**

Swiftiness is no longer an important Factor!

Stay in your lane!



What is required in our race?

1. Grace and Mercy Rom. 9: 14-16 NKJV

¹⁴ What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.” ¹⁶ *So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.”*

2. Light Weight

3. Endurance Heb. 12: 1 NLT

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Which battle are we fighting?

Q. Whose fight are you in? 2 Chron. 20:15 NIV

¹⁵ He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the Lord says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. **For the battle is not yours, but God’s.**”

Q. How are we fighting? 1 Cor. 9:27 NKJV

²⁷ “... Thus I fight: **not as one who beats the air**”

Q. What weapons are we using? 2 Cor. 10:3-6 NKJV

“For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...”

Eph. 6:11 NLT “Put on all of God’s armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil...”

What do we 'crave' for?

Riches?

Success?

Wealth?

“...The wise sometimes go hungry, and the skilful are not necessarily wealthy. And those who are educated don't always lead successful lives...”

Prov. 21:21 ^{ESV} ²¹ “Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will **find life, righteousness, and honour.**”

Matt. 6:33 ^{NIV} ³³ “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

“Chance is a term denoting ignorance, not on God’s part, but on ours. It has been happily defined, although by a poet, yet without a poet’s fiction,—“direction which we cannot see.” The blind Goddess of Fortune is but the creation of a foolish and ungodly fancy. Without our Heavenly Father, “a sparrow falleth not to the ground.”

‘Wardlaw’

Time and Chance happen?

Psalm 31: 14-15 NIV

¹⁴ But I trust in you, LORD; I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵ **My times are in your hands...**

Our song is NOT... "Que sera, sera, whatever will be, will be."

Romans 8:28 NLV

²⁸ "We know that **God makes all things** work together for the good of those who love Him and are chosen to be a part of His plan."

**Christ happened to us... The Cross happened...
God is happening to us always!!!**

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