

# Basics, Battle, Race

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Everybody should have a life goal.
- B. This goal should be able to be articulated briefly.
- C. Jesus loved the world, helped thousands and trained twelve. We can give our lives to the same.

## II. The basics are still the basics. (Exodus 34:2)

- A. We must not forget to present ourselves before God.
- B. We must grow in our “marriage” to Christ through discipleship tools. (Romans 7:4)

## III. The battle is still the battle. (Acts 4:32)

- A. Intimidation, divisiveness and selfishness are constant struggles. (I Samuel 14:6-7)
- B. God is committed to the principle of surrounding you with like-minded people.
- C. We must have one heart with our team leaders. Loners do not make it.

## IV. The race is still the race. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- A. We are to be patient with God. (Psalm 89:46, Acts 1:4)
- B. We are to be patient with our co-workers. (Acts 21:17-26)
- C. We need to be patient with our spouses. (I Peter 3:5-8)
- D. We need to be patient with our children.
- E. We need to be patient with ourselves. We are in the process of being made like God’s Son. (Philippians 1:6)

### **Application questions:**

1. What does it look like to present ourselves before God? Explain.

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2. Why is it important to recognize that the Christian life is a battle?

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3. What does it mean to be patient with ourselves?

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