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LARGE GROUP SKIT

Narrator: The coach invites both students to enter a marathon, and both students say that they want to.

Coach: It will require a lot of training and discipline on a daily basis. You will need to eat the right foods, exercise, get plenty of rest, and drink lots of water. You will have to give up time with your friends to devote to practicing. Are you committed to this?

Narrator: Both students insist that they are committed. The coach exits the scene.

Student #1: Well, let's get started with some stretches.

Student #2 (laughing): Forget that! I'm going to the China Buffet! See you tomorrow at school!

Narrator: The next day . . .

Student #1: I'm so sore! I practiced so hard for this race.

Student #2: They had crab rangoon at the China Buffet.

Student #1: Well, would you like to go running after school today?

Student #2: No, man, I got to go back to the crib and play video games.

Narrator: Both students leave. The next day . . .

Student #2: Hey, what's up? I cleared Level 5 on Super Mario Brothers last night!

Student #1: That's cool. I ran 8 miles, and I'm sooo tired!

Student #2: Too bad for you!

Student #1: Hey, that race is coming up. I think you better start training. Do you want to go lift weights with me today?

Student #2: No way! My favorite show is on TV tonight.

Narrator: The students exit. The next day . . .

Student #1: Wow! I had a great workout last night! You missed it.

Student #2: My show was awesome! The guy I was cheering for totally won!

Student #1: That's nice, but you should really do some training. You're never going to reach the goal otherwise.

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Student #2: Whatever! I'll be fine.

Student #1: Well, the race is tomorrow, so make sure you get a good night's sleep.

Student #2 (laughing): You're such a baby! I don't need sleep. I have to go to my friend's sleepover tonight.

Student #1: Okay, I'll see you at the race tomorrow, then.

Narrator: The next day . . .

The coach reappears and asks both students if they're ready, and they both insist that they are. The coach offers them some water.

Student #1: Thanks! (drinks it)

Student #2 : No, thanks, I just drank two liters of Mountain Dew.

Narrator: They get set on a starting line.

Coach: Go!

Student #2 drops to the ground after one step, and student #1 finishes victoriously.

Printout 2



Printout 3

DAILY TRAINING

Do you do any of the things your small group mentioned as daily practice for the life of faith?
Also, write any things you plan to do in the future:



- Go to Crossroads every week!
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What did some of our heroes do to prepare for the life of faith?

Printout 4

JAMES 1:1-11, NLT

¹This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad.

Greetings!

²Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

⁵If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

⁹Believers who are poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. ¹⁰And those who are rich should boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. ¹¹The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

1. What happened in the story or passage?

2. What does this teach us about God or Jesus?

3. How can we use this in our lives?

4. Is there something you can pray about from this story?