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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. 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.

1 Corinthians 9:24–27 (NIV)

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Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly;
I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a
blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I
have preached to others, I myself will not be
disqualified for the prize.

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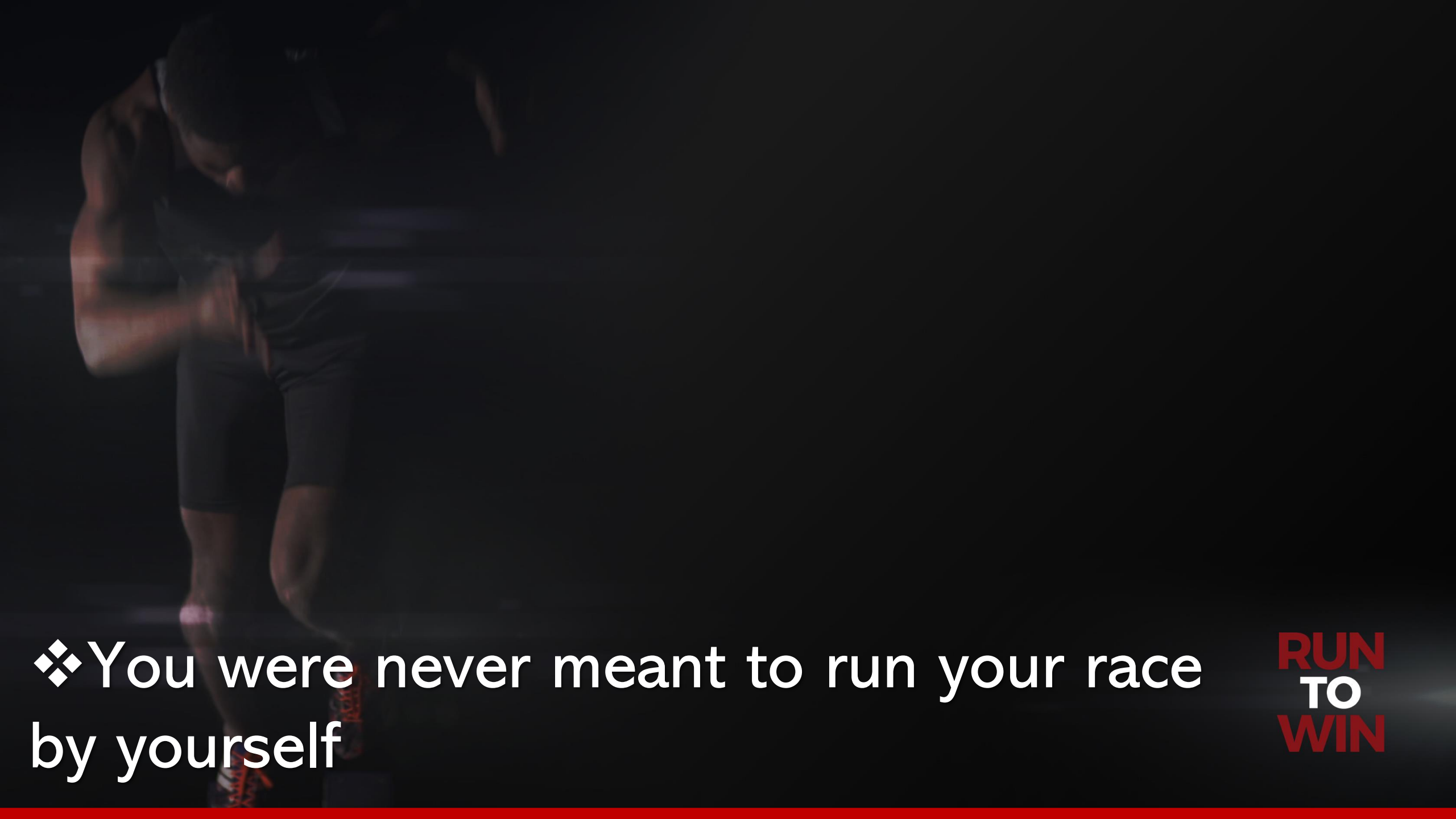
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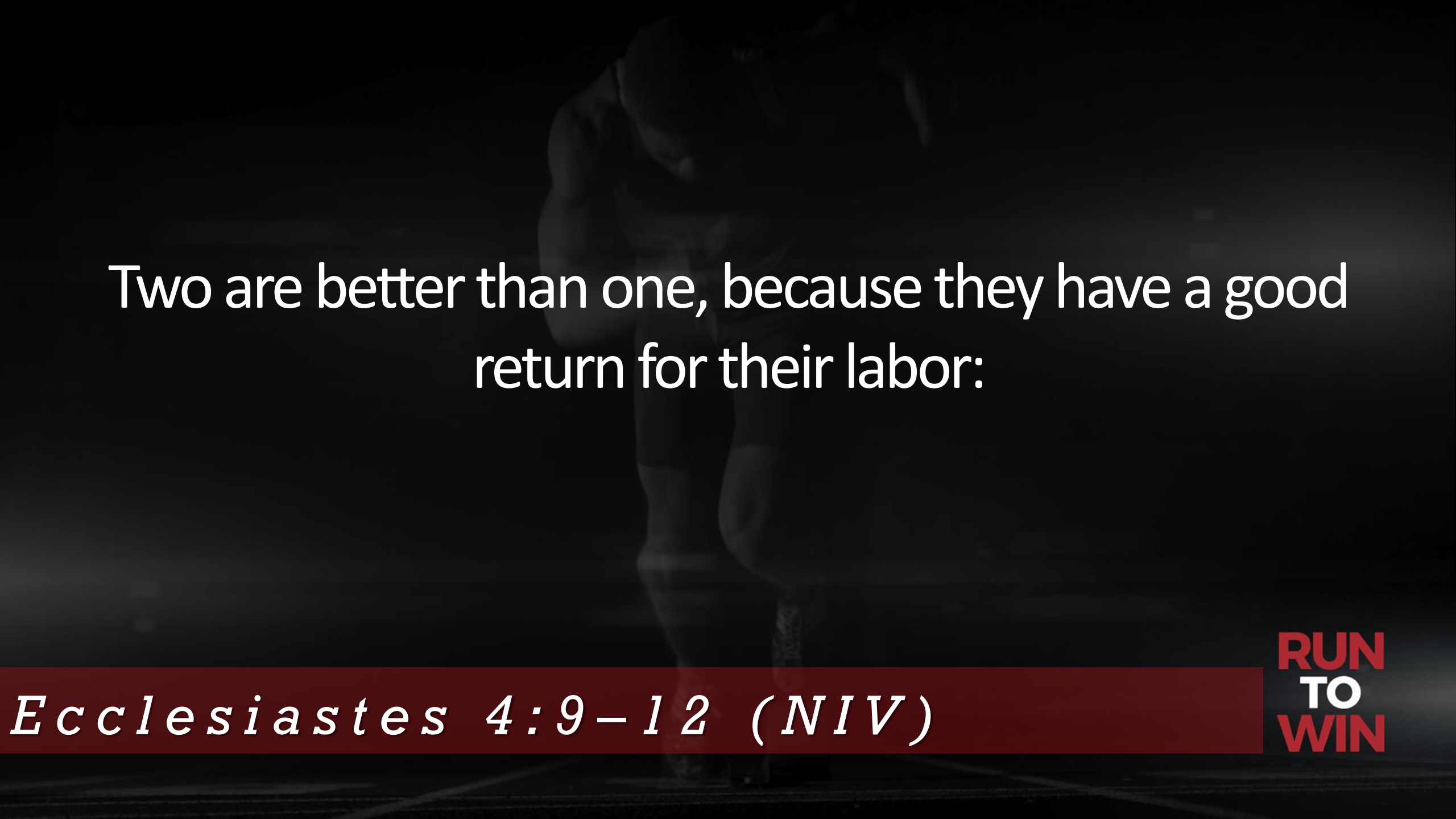
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Christian life involves more than just believing...
it also involves belonging.



❖ You were never meant to run your race
by yourself

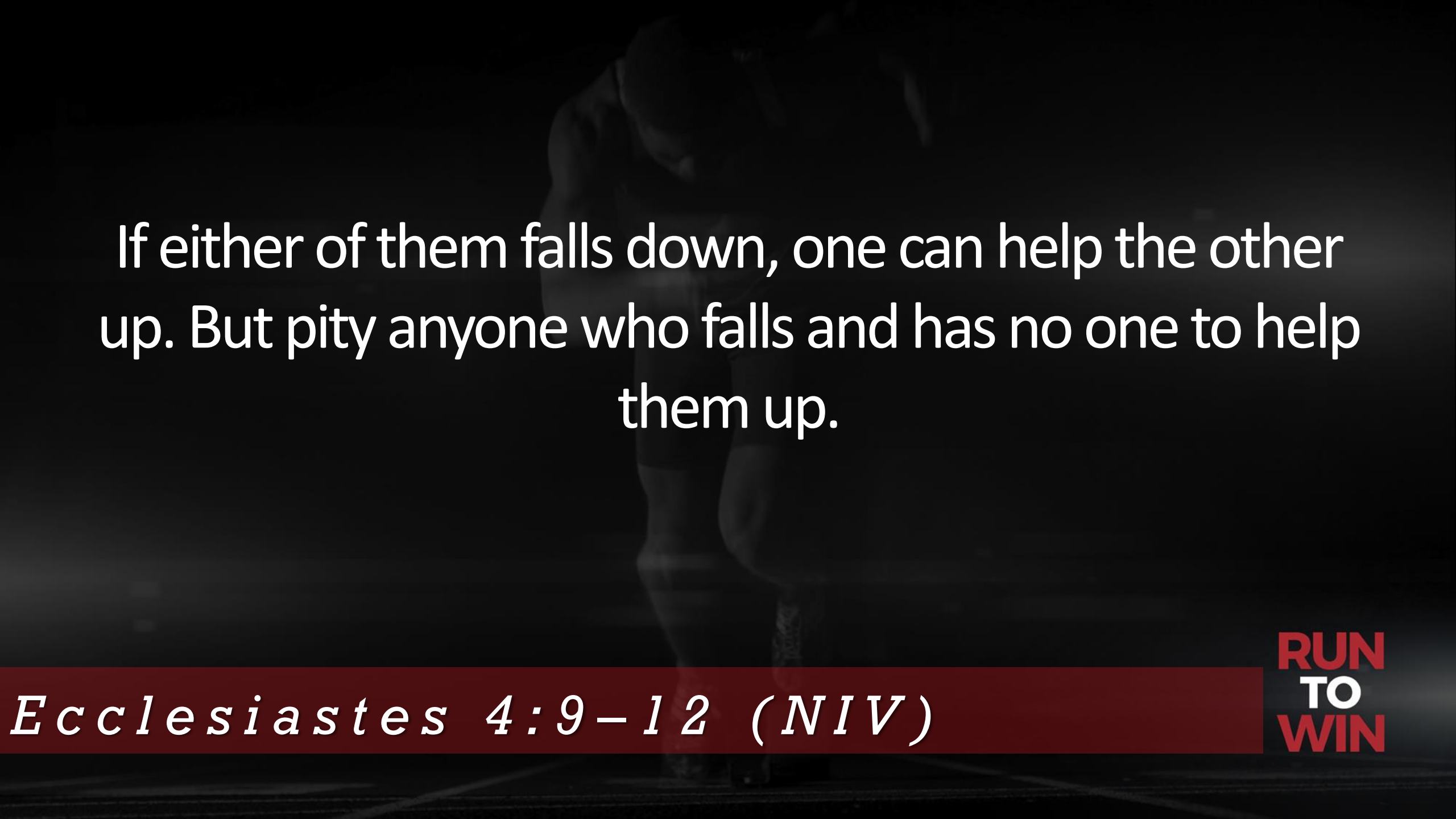
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Two are better than one, because they have a good
return for their labor:

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NIV)

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If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NIV)

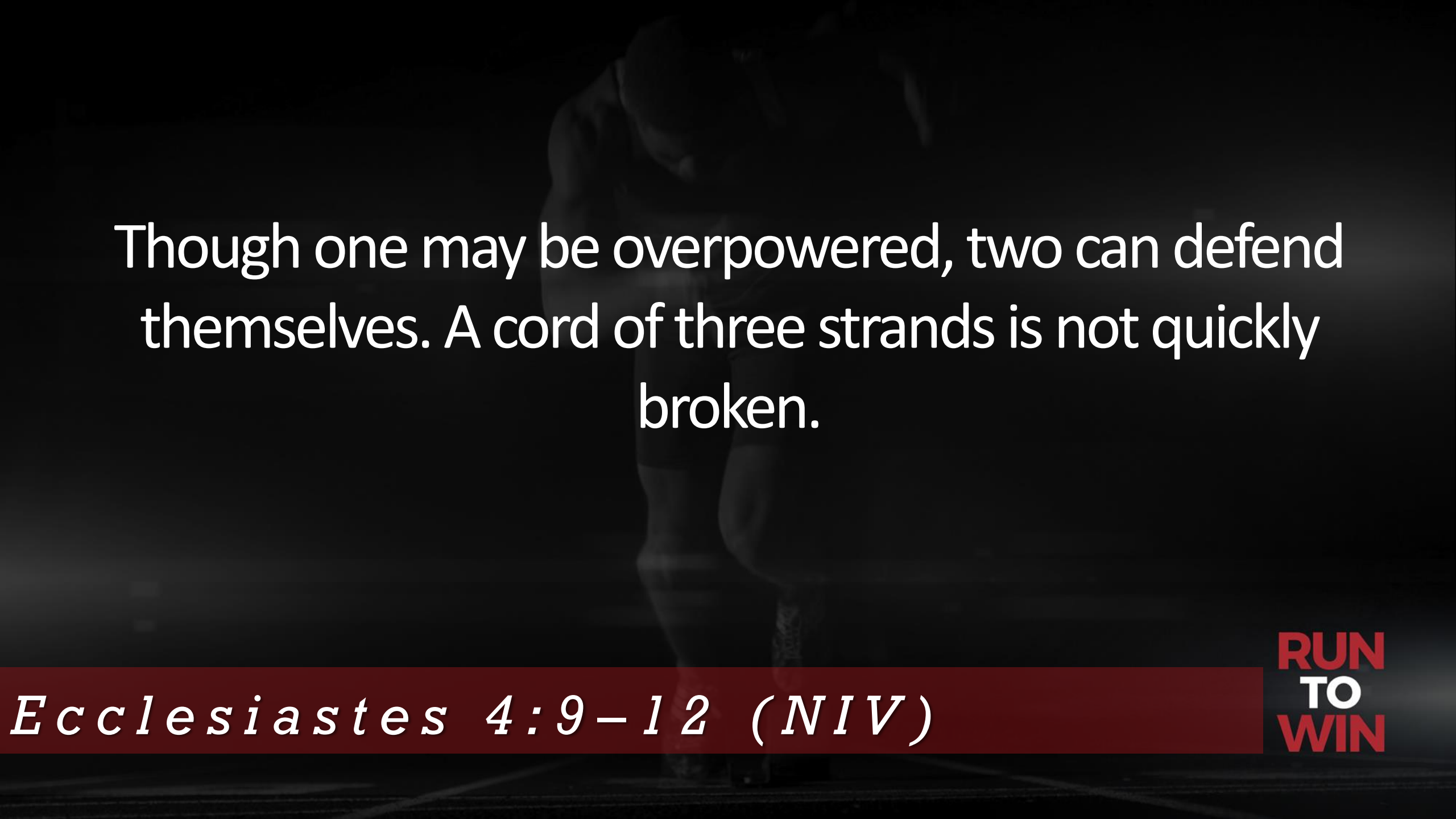
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Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NIV)

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Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NIV)

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Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

1 Corinthians 9:19–23 (NIV)

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To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

1 Corinthians 9:19–23 (NIV)

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To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

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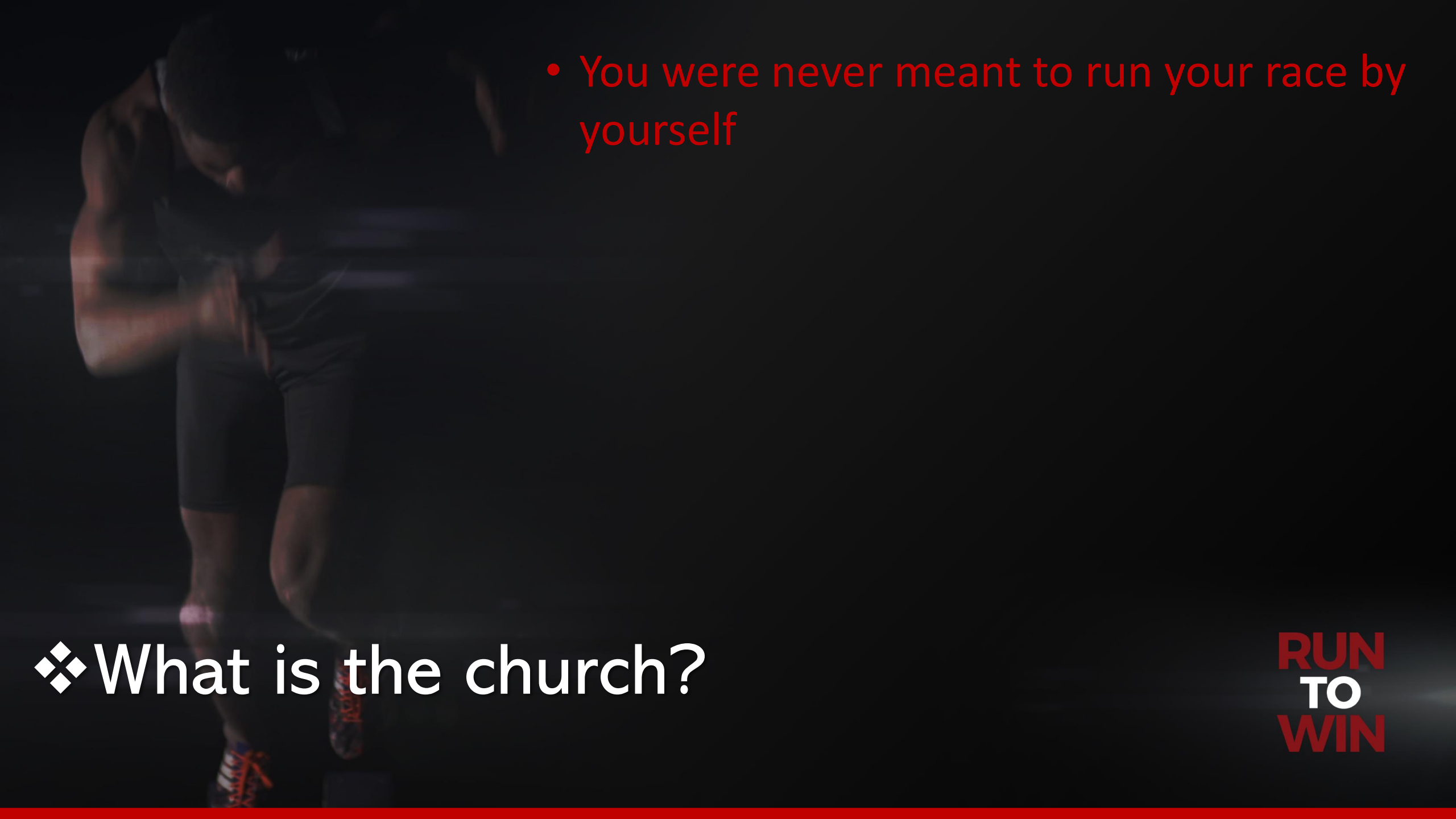
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Church is not a building you go to... it is a family you
belong to.

Those who **accepted his message** were **baptized**, and about three thousand were **added to their number** that day.

Acts 2:41 (NIV)

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❖ What is the church?

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You do not go to church.

You are the church!

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

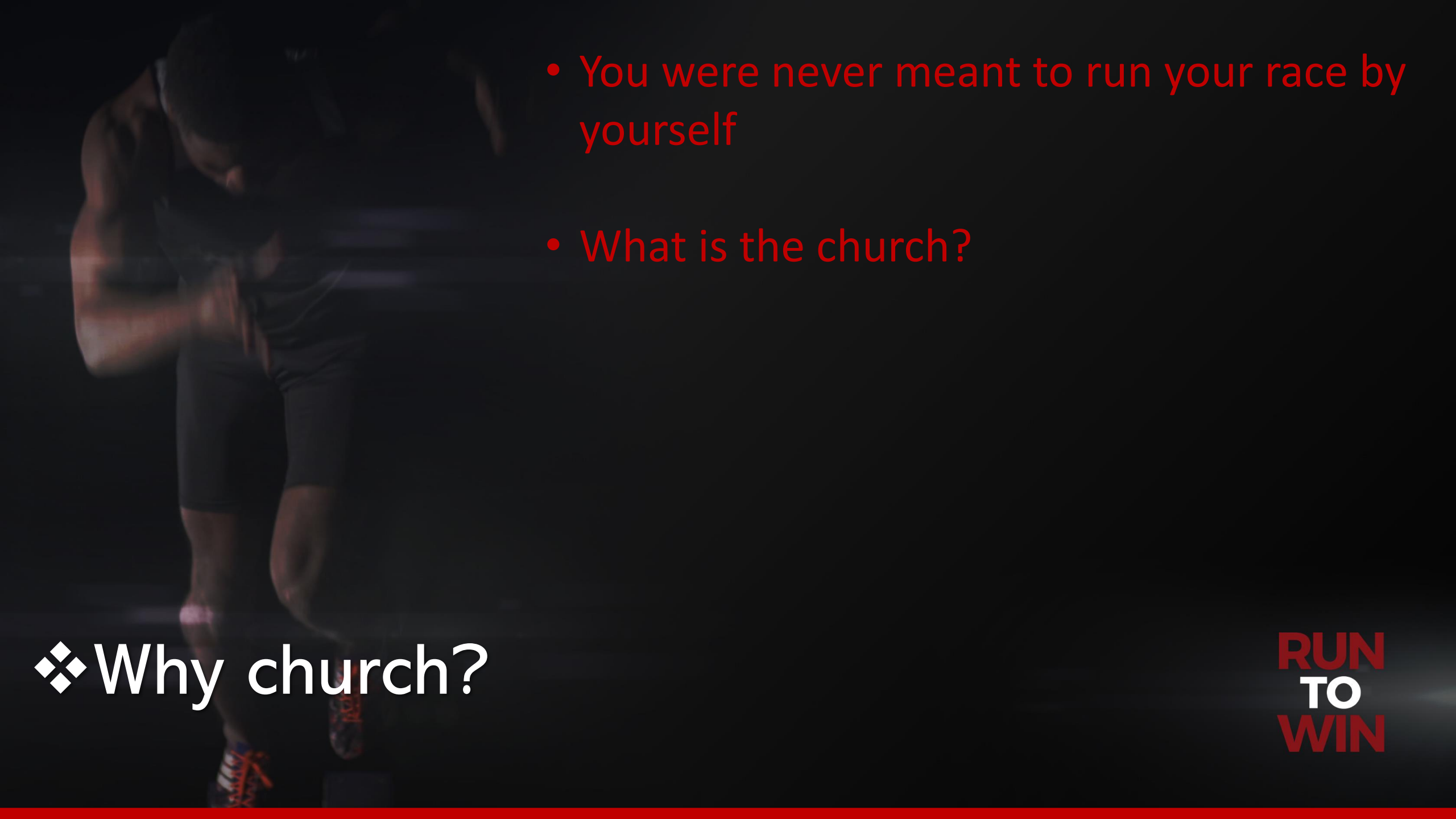
Matthew 16:16–18 (NIV)

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❖ Why church?

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So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present,

1 Corinthians 5:4 (NIV)

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And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

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Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is
given for the common good.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NIV)

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Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:12–20 (NIV)

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Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

1 Corinthians 12:12–20 (NIV)

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If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

1 Corinthians 12:12-20 (NIV)

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Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you
is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

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He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. **As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow,** so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

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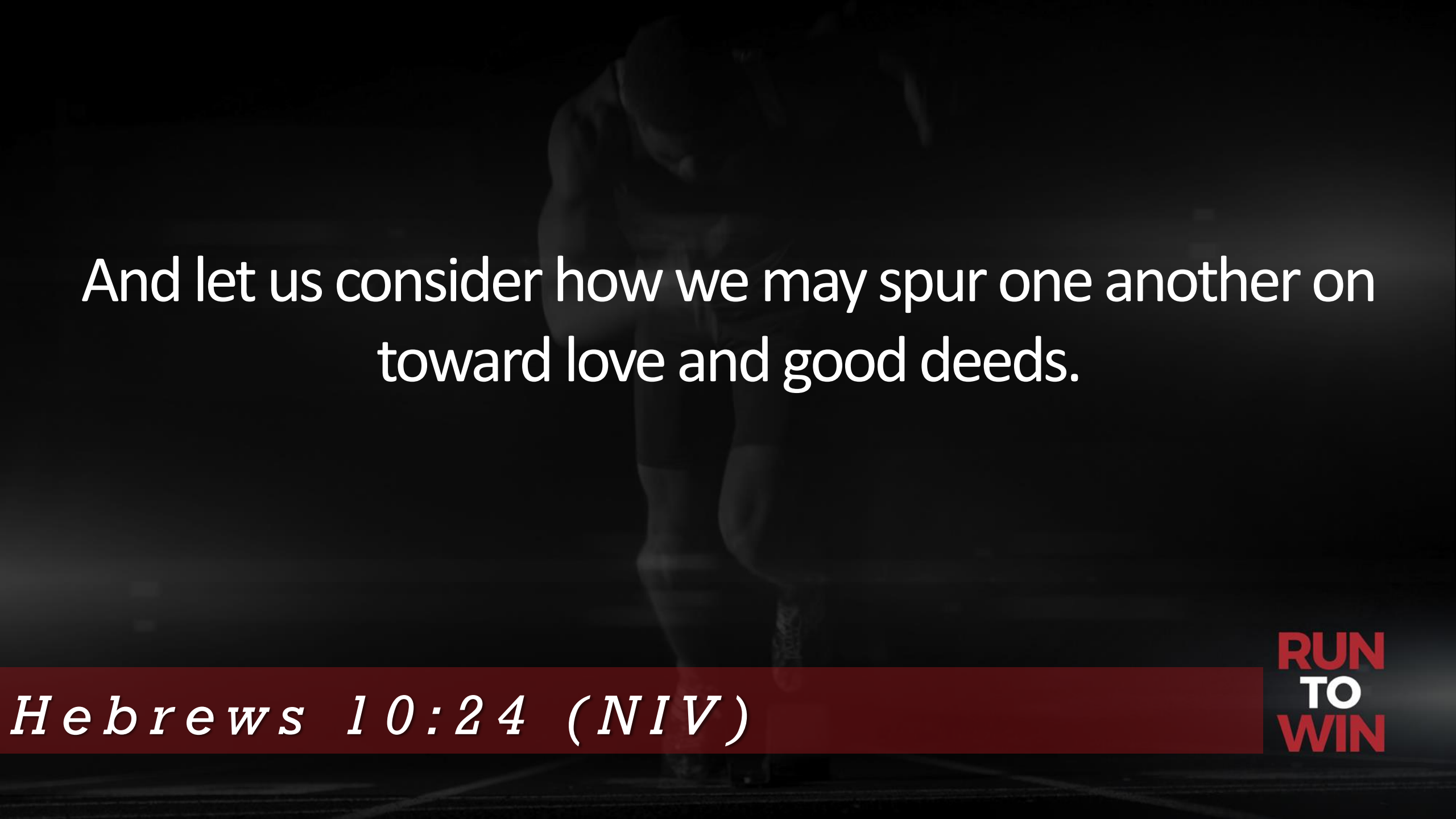
You may not think you need the church, but the church
needs you.



Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

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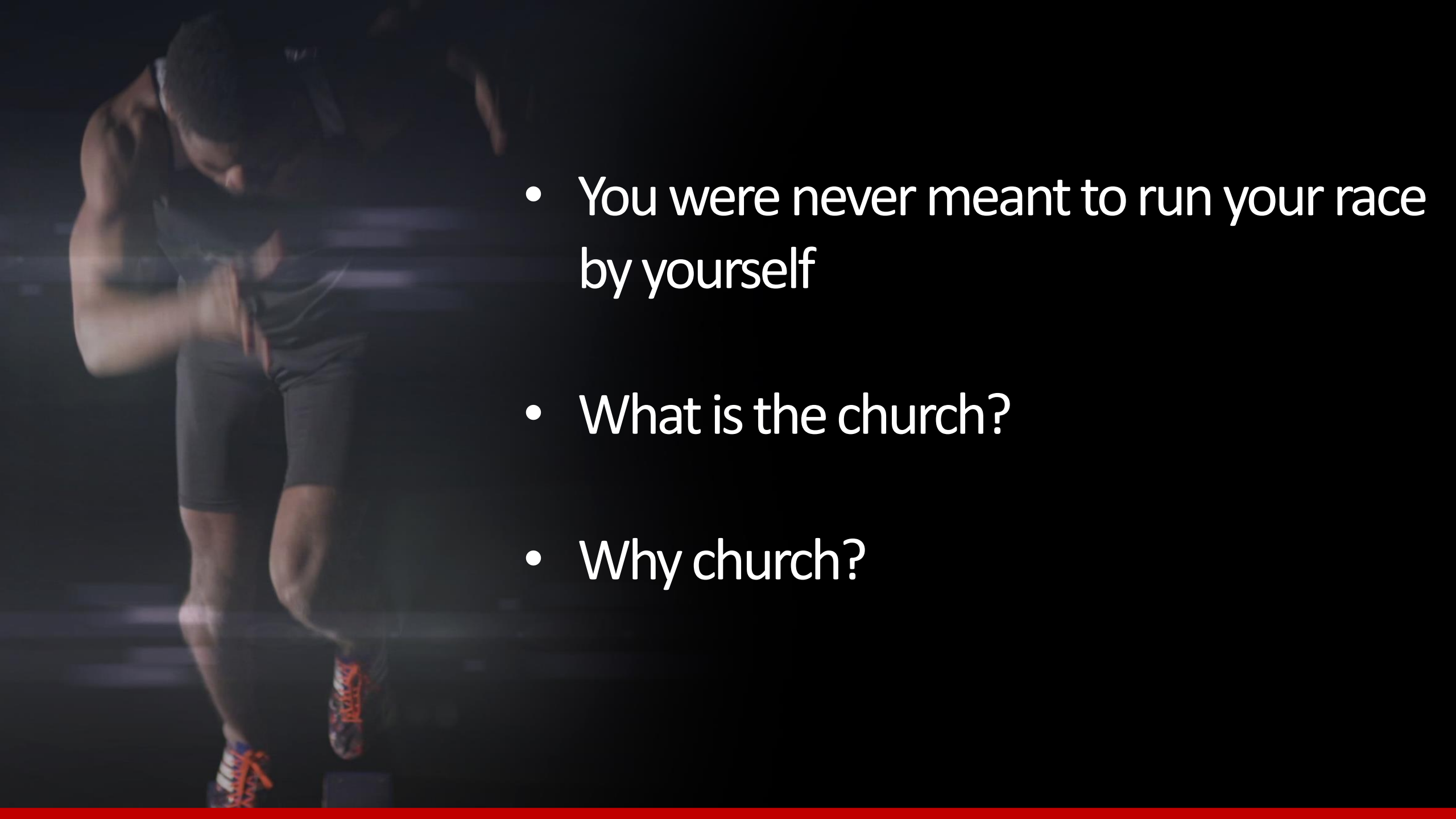


And let us consider how we may spur one another on
toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)

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- Love **one another** John 13:34
- Accept **one another** Rom 15:7
- Be devoted to **one another** Rom 12:10
- Live in harmony with **one another** Rom 12:16
- Instruct **one another** Rom 15:14
- Greet **one another** Rom 16:16
- Serve **one another** Gal 5:13
- Be patient with **one another** Eph 4:2
- Encourage **one another** Heb 3:13
- Confess your sins to **one another** James 5:16
- Offer hospitality to **one another** 1 Pet 4:9
- Spur **one another** on toward love & good deeds Heb 4:24

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