For what shall it profit a man, though he should win the whole world, if he lose his soul? **Mark 8:36** Phillips

Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. **1 Timothy 4:8b** Message

The essential ingredient to win where it matters most? _____ _____.

Everyone who is a child of God has the power to win against the world. It is our faith that wins the victory against the world. **1 John 5:4** ICB

5 TIPS ON WINNING, WHERE IT MATTERS MOST

TIP #1 - _____ THAT YOU CAN WIN.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith… **Hebrews 12:1a** NLT

Noah _____

Abraham _____

Moses _____

Rahab _____

TIP #2 – _____ _____ _____THE THINGS THAT SLOW YOU DOWN.

…let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. **Hebrews 12:1b** NLT

- **Two vital questions to ask if you want to win, where it matters most:**

#1_____?

#2_____?

TIP #3 – _____ _____ FOCUS ON JESUS AT ALL TIMES.

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. …[3]Think about all he endured when sinful people did such terrible things to him, so that you don't become weary and give up. **Hebrews 12:2, 3** NLT

So I run--but not without a clear goal ahead of me. So I box--but not as if I were just shadow boxing. **1 Corinthians 9:26** GWT

TIP #4 – _____ _____, EVEN WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

In this all-out match against sin, others have suffered far worse than you, to say nothing of what Jesus went through—all that bloodshed! So don't feel sorry for yourselves. **Hebrews 12:4** MESSAGE

And have you entirely forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you, his children? He said, "My child, don't ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. [6] For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes those he accepts as his children. **Hebrews 12:5, 6** NLT

Like an athlete, I punish my body, treating it roughly, training it to do what it should, not what it wants to. Otherwise, I fear that after enlisting others for the race, I myself might be declared unfit and ordered to stand aside.
1 Corinthians 9:27 LB

TIP #5 – WINNING REQUIRES A _____ AND _____.

You have become weak, so make yourselves strong again. **Hebrews 12:12** NCV

So don't sit around on your hands! No more dragging your feet! Clear the path for long-distance runners so no one will trip and fall, so no one will step in a hole and sprain an ankle. Help each other out. And run for it. **Hebrews 12:12** MESSAGE

Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble.
Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10 NLT

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on today's message…

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?